

- Non Public Document – Contains Trade Secret Data**
 Public Document – Trade Secret Data Excised
 Public Document

Xcel Energy

Docket No.: EL15-034

Response To: South Dakota Public Utilities Data Request No. 1-4
Commission

Requestor: Eric Paulson

Date Received: October 19, 2015

Question:

Refer to Attachment 1, explain the significant increase in Accounting Expenses \$/Cust/Yr from EL13-030 to the current docket.

Response:

The Accounting Expenses used in the current docket were based on data in the Embedded Class Cost of Service Study from our most recent rate case (Docket No. EL14-058). The data used in Docket No. EL13-030 was based on the same cost study from the 2012 rate case (Docket No. EL12-046). We do not propose any change to the monthly Metering Charges in the current docket, therefore the changes in accounting expenses would have no impact to customers.

Preparer: John Chow
Title: Pricing Consultant
Department: NSPM Regulatory
Telephone: 612-330-7588
Date: October 29, 2015