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Xcel Energy

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Response To: South Dakota Public
Utilities Commission

Data Request No. 1-1

Date Received: February 3, 2017

Question:

Explain why back in November of 2015, when this unmetered LED rate was originally proposed, this unmetered rate was proposed for existing fixtures only and not both new and existing fixtures.

Response:

The Company's policy is to have future street lighting connections for customer owned equipment on our metered lighting tariff, Street Lighting Energy Service – Metered (Rate Code E32). The LED lighting rate per Watt (Rate Code E31) was developed in 2015 to accommodate the City of Sioux Falls existing non-metered lighting installations for conversion to LED technology. However, as the City will not be ready to implement this metering requirement until January 1, 2018, we filed the proposed tariff modification.

In order to more clearly reference this timing and to establish a specific end date for the availability of the unmetered LED rate to existing installations, we recommend a revision to our January 31, 2017 proposal. Rather than delete the availability restriction as proposed, we now propose revising the unmetered LED availability restriction to indicate "Available to existing installations only, as of December 31, 2017." This revised version of the proposed rate sheet is included as Attachment A to this response.

Please note that it is not Xcel Energy's intention to have the City of Sioux Falls convert all existing lights to a metered system starting in 2018. This requirement would apply only to new installations.

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