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Response To: SD Public Utilities Commission Data Request No. 1-2

Requestor: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff

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Question:

Refer to Attachment 11, line 32. What were the driving factors that caused the South Dakota allocation to decrease from 5.57 percent to 5.31 from 2017 to 2018 and then increase from 5.31 percent to 5.55 percent from 2018 to 2019?

Response:

The movements in the jurisdictional allocators are primarily driven by the changes in the South Dakota 12-month CP demand allocators shown on line 30 of Attachment 11. This allocator reflects South Dakota's contribution to the NSP system peaks, and therefore CP load changes in Minnesota and/or North Dakota can impact South Dakota's allocated share of the total system.

The decrease in this demand allocator from 2017 to 2018 is due to a forecasted relative decrease in South Dakota CP load compared to Minnesota (while North Dakota remained flat), causing South Dakota's contribution to the NSP system CP load to shrink. The increase in the South Dakota demand allocator from 2018 to 2019 is driven by forecasted load growth in South Dakota at system peak times, as well as CP load reductions from the loss of large customers in Minnesota over this period, thereby raising South Dakota's demand allocator and jurisdictional allocator.

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