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Question 2-8

In a Public Information Exchange Meeting with the SD Public Utilities Commission on October 26, 2018, the estimated total projected cost for the Bowdle Substation project was \$4.5 million. Please explain the circumstances that has increased the estimated cost to \$6.2 million.

Response:

The estimate given in October 2018 was early in the construction of the substation facility and based on actual dollars spent at Leola. The differences included Some of the equipment and material for the Bowdle East Transmission Substation that came in higher than estimated for the Leola project, Construction costs were more than Leola due to construction activities occurring during the winter and finally the estimate provided in October did not include the cost to modify the existing transmission lines.