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Response To: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

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Question:

Explain what is meant by “Committed Nameplate Capacity” and “Committed Renewable Energy” at Jeffers Wind and Community Wind North. Why was there a reduction from 184,000 MWh per year to 175,300 MWh per year in the Committed Renewable Energy volume with Jeffers Wind?

Response:

“Committed Nameplate Capacity” refers to the total nameplate capacity of the Facility.

“Committed Renewable Energy” is the amount of Renewable Energy to be delivered to NSP in any Commercial Operation Year.

Under the negotiated deal, Jeffers’s retrofit will result in a new Committed Renewable Energy volume of 175,300 MWh, which is a reduction from the original Committed Renewable Energy volume of 184,000 MWh. The first 175,300 MWh of generation on a Commercial Operation Year will be purchased at the new rate of \$33.80/MWh. Energy generated above the Committed Renewable Energy volume (the ‘Excess Energy’) will be sold by NSP on behalf of Seller into the MISO day-ahead market. Jeffers has historically averaged 164,200 MWh per year, but annual generation is expected to increase as a result of this retrofit.

We note that while the terms “Committed Nameplate Capacity” and “Committed Renewable Energy” are specific terms in the negotiated PPA, we will acquire Jeffers and Community Wind North as owned assets.

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