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Xcel Energy

Data Request No. 1-7

Docket No.: EL20-026

Response To: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

Requestor: Patrick Steffensen

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Question:

Will any of the new wind projects proposed for inclusion in the infrastructure rider be used to fill or satisfy any energy or capacity needs, or are they being purchased/built solely on economics?

Response:

The wind projects are proposed as cost-effective additions to our system. The new wind projects will provide both energy and capacity to our system. While the Company has sufficient resources to meet capacity needs in the near term without the wind additions, the capacity provided by the wind additions is expected to offset capacity needs in the longer term. The energy provided by the new wind projects provides a benefit by offsetting higher cost generation or purchases or by increasing market sales.

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