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Xcel Energy

Data Request No. 2-1

Docket No.: EL20-026

Response To: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

Requestor: Patrick Steffensen

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Question:

Refer to Xcel's response to DR 1-1. What amount was Xcel able to recover from the supplier? Does the \$800,000 project cost increase include this reduction or does the offset further reduce the \$800,000 cost increase to Xcel?

Response:

The amount of liquidated damages collected from the supplier was \$100,400 which is the maximum amount allowed per the contract. This amount was not factored into the \$800,000 project increase discussed in DR 1-1.

We note, however, that we continue to project the Blazing Star I project to come in under budget as a whole. The project increase we discussed in DR 1-1 was only for a portion of the overall Blazing Star I project costs. That increase has been offset by not only the \$100,400 collected in liquidated damages, but also additional cost savings identified by the project team through construction efficiencies and use of project contingency to maintain the project budget.

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