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Xcel Energy

Data Request No. 2-2

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 1-2, part a. When will Xcel know the costs that have been alleviated for these projects?

Response:

Xcel Energy continues to assess the force majeure claims and related cost impacts. As we continue to experience delays on our projects due to the pandemic, our estimated Commercial Operation Date (COD) for the Blazing Star 2 and Freeborn projects remain dynamic. We currently estimate the project COD for the Blazing Star 2 project to be sometime in February 2021 and sometime in March 2021 for the Freeborn project. Once the projects reach COD, it may take two to three months to determine the full impacts of the pandemic on project costs. However, if the claims are extensive, this may take longer to verify the claims and determine the final cost impacts.

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