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Xcel Energy Data Request No. 1-9
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Response To: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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Question:

For the Business Saver’s Switch program. Provide the number of control events and the number of hours controlled in each of the last 10 years.

Response:

Business Saver’s Switch can be activated to reduce customer demand under different scenarios, all which are considered control events:

- If the Company is directed to do so by MISO to help maintain grid stability in the MISO territory as whole.
- If, in the Company’s opinion, the reliability of the system is endangered. The need can be identified by Commercial Operations, Transmission, or Distribution. Reliability of the system could mean many things and take different circumstances and is not tied to a specific level of demand. In general, if there is a large concern about meeting firm load obligations with expected capacity, the Company can call on these programs to preserve firm load and may call on these programs prior to the imminent loss of firm loads. In the past five years, the Company has only activated the program annually for test purposes.
- For some of the Company’s demand management programs, we do have the option to curtail for economic purposes. In the past five years, we have not done so in South Dakota.

Table 1: Commercial Saver's Switch 10-Year Analysis of Control Events

Year	Control Events	Total Control Hours
2022	1	2
2021	1	2
2020	1	2
2019	1	2
2018	1	2
2017	1	2
2016	1	2
2015	1	2
2014	0	0
2013	0	0

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