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Xcel Energy Data Request No. 2-7
Docket No.: EL23-013
Response To: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Requestor: Eric Paulson
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Question:

Explain why the participation for the Business Saver’s Switch program were so much more than budgeted yet costs, kWh savings, and kW savings were well below budget.

Response:

The two main costs for Business Saver’s Switch are the switches themselves and the installation. In 2022 we did not purchase new switches but installed hardware that was previously acquired leaving our budget slightly below projections.

The program achievements are tied to the size and number of controlled AC units. While the number of customers reported is higher than planned, they, on average, had fewer and smaller AC units. Several participants had one relatively small AC unit.

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