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Xcel Energy		Data Request No.	1-2
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Response To:	South Dakota Public Utilities Commission		
Requestor:	Patrick Steffensen		
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Question:
Given that Xcel has needed to request a waiver to the 90-day payment requirement for three of the last four payments, did Xcel consider proposing a longer payment window be established in this docket for payments 15, 16, and 17? Explain.

Response:
Our goal is always to return payments to customers as soon as possible. The timing of when we receive each payment from DOE varies year over year, as does the need to protect the refund queue to maximize the credits issued. Having focused this petition on the specific facts related to the 15th payment, we had not considered requesting a longer window to implement credits for payments 16 and 17. However, extending our request to those payments now would avoid future extension requests and contribute to efficiency by eliminating a matter for the Commission to process. In terms of implementation, our letters notifying the Commission of payment receipt could note the estimated timing of credit implementation, and we could confirm implementation within the extended window via our post-credit compliance letter.

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