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Xcel Energy Data Request No. 9
Docket No.: EL25-20
Response To: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Requestor: Eric Paulson
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Question:

Explain why some DSM costs should be recovered in base rates and some costs in the rider rather than 100% in the DSM rider if the rider is planned to continue operation.

Response:

Our proposal in Docket No. EL25-024 to recover \$2.2 million for Saver's Switch replacement in base rates will allow for more timely replacement of the legacy switches than the annual customer impact of the DSM rider.

The timely replacement of these switches is important to the maintenance of the program. Saver's Switches have been installed at customer sites for over 21 years. Approximately 6,000 customers have an older, paging technology which is quickly becoming obsolete. This requires the Company to fast track the installation and work to replace this equipment to continue to utilize these switches as a resource. The work and technology necessary to conduct this equipment replacement effort has now outpaced the funding typically available through the DSM Rider.

The Company's proposal to include costs related to the Saver's Switch Replacement in base rates mitigates the volatility in the DSM Rider that would occur if these costs were included.

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