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Xcel Energy Data Request No. 2-7  
Docket No.: GE20-002  
Response To: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Requestor: Commission Staff  
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Question:

Refer to the Company's response to DR 1-3. Provide a listing of all cost savings the Company anticipates it has already realized or may realize in the coming months due to the COVID-19 pandemic that may offset increased expenses. In particular, please address the following areas:

- Travel
- Training
- Tree trimming
- Meter reading or other truck rolls
- O&M associated with peaker units
- Health care costs
- Furlough of non-essential employees
- Delays or attrition in hiring process
- Utility costs
- Other

Response:

Although we have been tracking expenses and other financial impacts related to COVID-19 across our entire business, we reiterate that we believe it is premature to report preliminary known or estimated costs or savings. As we track and prepare to analyze the financial impacts related to COVID-19, we intend to evaluate only those impacts that are directly related to COVID-19 or governmental actions stemming from the pandemic.

Rather than provide a preliminary list of potential financial impacts caused by COVID-19 at this time, which likely would be incomplete and potentially misleading, we believe it would be more appropriate to provide an update the Commission on

specific tracked costs and other financial impacts related to the pandemic once data is available, potentially third quarter 2020.

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