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Xcel Energy Data Request No. 3-5
Docket No.: GE20-002
Response To: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Requestor: Kristen N. Edwards
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Question:

Provide an itemized update of cost increases, broken out between actual and estimated, the Company currently expects to be recorded in the regulatory asset, if approved.

Response:

Through the first and second quarter of 2020, incremental costs related to COVID-19 have included various categories of operating costs, including recognition of additional bad debt expense for expected uncollectible accounts of approximately \$143,000 and incremental non-labor expenses primarily related to cleaning/sanitizing, physically distancing, safety materials, and costs to support remote work for a total year-to-date impact of approximately \$68,000. All amounts are preliminary and may be revised pending additional review. Finally, the Company may see additional categories of cost increases as the pandemic progresses.

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