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Xcel Energy Data Request No. 1-1  
Docket No.: PU-20-220  
Response To: North Dakota Public Service Commission  
Requestor: Victor Schock  
Date Received: June 1, 2020

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Question:

As of what date are you requesting to start tracking the incremental costs for deferred accounting treatment?

Response:

As stated in section 13 on page 6 of the joint application, we are requesting Commission approval to track incremental costs incurred as a result of COVID-19 since North Dakota Governor Burgum's establishment of the state of emergency on March 13, 2020.

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Xcel Energy Data Request No. 1-2  
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Question:

Are you requesting deferred accounting treatment for expense items only, or for reduced revenues also?

Response:

Xcel Energy is requesting deferred accounting for both revenue and expense impacts directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic and government action to respond to the pandemic. The Company has developed a methodology to estimate the impact of COVID-19 on natural gas sales, and we will make an assessment in the near future as to the materiality of pandemic-related lost revenues and whether they are included in a future rate recovery proceeding.

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Question:

If you are requesting for reduced revenues, are there specific types/categories of reduced revenues, or are you requesting any/all reduced revenues?

Response:

As noted in response to NDPSC Data Request No. 1-2, the Company is focusing on impacts to retail natural gas sales (residential, small commercial, and large commercial) that are directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic and government action to respond to the pandemic.

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Xcel Energy Data Request No. 1-4  
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Question:

How do you intend to value the reduced revenue amount(s)? What accurate measurement can be used to determine an amount that does not exist?

Response:

Revenue reductions will be measured as the difference between 2020 weather-normalized actual “base” revenues and base revenues from a relevant test year.

The Company will work with North Dakota Public Service Commission Staff to determine the appropriate baseline test year data to use for this measurement.

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Question:

How do you intend to value the reduced revenue amount(s)? What accurate measurement can be used to determine an amount that does not exist?

Response:

Revenue reductions will be measured as the difference between 2020 weather-normalized actual “base” revenues and base revenues from a relevant test year.

The Company will work with North Dakota Public Service Commission Staff to determine the appropriate baseline test year data to use for this measurement.

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Question:

Do you also intent[d] to track items of reduced cost? I.E. there should be some reduction in expenses for meter readings, since manual meter readings were suspended.

Response:

Yes, we intend to track certain expense items where we may see reductions in costs. While our manual meter reading was only suspended for a very short time in North Dakota and thus will not likely generate material cost savings, we may see COVID-19 driven cost reductions for other items such as employee expenses.

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Question:

What types of expense items do you anticipate needing to track? What specific items or categories?

Response:

The Company is incurring costs to meet important public policy, health and safety objectives - for our employees and customers. Examples of such costs include:

- Increases in bad debt, and administrative and financing costs associated with arrearages and uncollectible expenses;
- Costs of preparing for sequestration of key employees to avoid infection including overtime, travel, lodging, and transportation reimbursement;
- Overtime and other compensation for employees working additional shifts to cover for those sick, quarantined, or unable to work during the emergency;
- I/T and communications services and equipment to support work-from-home directives – expanded conferencing capacity, network bandwidth, and video conferencing licenses; additional laptops, etc.;
- Sick time for employees infected by COVID-19, quarantined due to exposure to an infected person, or caring for someone who is infected or quarantined;
- Additional purchases of personal protective equipment, hand sanitizers, tools, materials, and supplies;
- Health benefits charges, direct or indirect (i.e., increased screening);
- Public/customer communications, such as bill inserts, community-service, or other related messages;
- Services from outside vendors, including consulting services for pandemic planning and response; additional cleaning of facilities; installation of facility improvements to promote containment - hand sanitizing stations, etc.;
- Additional costs across a variety of business areas to accommodate social distancing and workforce changes.

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Question:

What are the types and amounts of COVID-19 related expenses and reduced revenue items you are already experiencing? I realize full picture items are likely not yet available, but any preliminary views would be helpful.

Response:

Please see the Company's responses to NDPSC Data Requests Nos. 1-3 and 1-6 for examples of impacted revenue and expense items. The Company believes it is premature to provide impact amounts at this time, as it has not yet conducted a review of the accounts, transactions, and other calculations being used to determine the pandemic impacts.

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