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Docket No: E002/M-24-432

Case Name: In the Matter of a Peak Time Rebate Program for Northern States Power Co. d/b/a Xcel Energy to Further the Commission's Advanced Rate Design Efforts in Docket No. E002/CI-24-115

From: PUC Staff: Kit Gomez

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Staff sought clarification regarding Xcel's PTR program evaluation costs.

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Signature /s/ *Kit Gomez*

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Subject: Docket No 24-432 Peak Time Rebate Program Evaluation Question

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Good morning,

The budget we put forward in the proposal reflects first year activities and does not include any evaluation costs. As noted in the proposal, the Company will file Peak Time Rebates as a program, replacing the current behavioral DR program, in the 2027-2029 ECO filing to be submitted by June 15, 2026.

ECO program evaluations are funded through the ECO Market Research budget. For the upcoming triennium, four program evaluations are planned annually. Once the PTR program is approved and launched, it will be incorporated into the evaluation schedule. The Company maintains a pool of qualified, independent third-party evaluators with no conflicts of interest in program delivery. An evaluator will be selected from this pool when the evaluation is scheduled, and a detailed research budget will be established as part of the evaluation plan - based on factors such as program participation and initial observed impacts.

Let me know if you have additional questions,

Thanks

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Good afternoon,

I am one of the Minnesota PUC analysts assigned to Docket No. 24-432, Xcel Energy's Peak Time Rebate Program, and I have a question regarding program evaluation. For the third-party evaluation the Company intends to perform after two years of operation, is this within the scope of Opower's existing contract and the estimated annual PTR budget? If the evaluation would use a different vendor and/or be an additional cost, please explain how the company intends to select the vendor and estimate an evaluation budget.

Thank you,

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