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Xcel Energy Information Request No. 7

Docket No.: E002/M-25-142

Response To: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

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Question:

Please provide a list of existing distribution programs the Company considers to be “discretionary,” their forecasted 5-year budgets, and how long it would take the Company to prepare CBAs for each.

Once the Company has completed an initial CBA, are subsequent CBAs easier to update and run?

Response:

See Table 1 below for the programs within the budget that we consider to be “discretionary.” We also included their five-year forecasted spend.

Table 1
Minnesota Discretionary Distribution Programs: Forecasted Budgets (2027-2031)

Program Name	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
ELR MN Breaker Mechanisms	\$500,000	\$525,000	\$541,000	\$558,853	\$558,853
ELR MN Reclosers	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,090,000	\$3,090,000	\$3,090,000
ELR MN Sub Batteries	\$1,300,000	\$1,365,000	\$1,406,000	\$1,452,398	\$1,452,398
ELR MN Sub Feeder Breakers	\$15,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
ELR MN Sub Fences	\$2,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,545,000
ELR MN Sub Regulators	\$1,250,000	\$1,313,000	\$1,352,000	\$1,396,616	\$1,396,616
ELR MN Sub Relays	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
ELR MN Sub Retirements	\$600,000	\$630,000	\$649,000	\$670,417	\$670,417
ELR MN Sub RTUs	\$600,000	\$630,000	\$649,000	\$670,417	\$670,417
ELR MN Sub Switches	\$3,750,000	\$3,938,000	\$4,056,000	\$4,189,848	\$4,189,848
ELR MN Sub TRs	\$15,000,000	\$15,750,000	\$16,223,000	\$16,223,000	\$16,223,000
ELR MPLS Network Protectors	\$2,817,000	\$2,902,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

ELR MPLS Network TR	\$1,135,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ELR MPLS Vault Tops	\$1,819,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ELR STP Network Protectors	\$1,016,000	\$1,046,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ELR STP Network TR	\$515,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ELR STP Vault Tops	\$1,200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Minnesota- Sub Capac Reinforcement	\$31,000	\$33,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MN- OH Reinforcement Blanket	\$2,072,000	\$2,128,000	\$2,185,000	\$2,250,550	\$2,250,550
MN- UG Reinforcement Blanket	\$2,532,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,670,000	\$2,750,100	\$2,750,100
MN Grid Reinforcements	\$23,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000
MN High Customer Count Taps	\$6,000,001	\$6,300,000	\$6,489,001	\$6,489,001	\$6,489,001
MN Low Cost Reclosers (Single Ph)	\$160,000	\$168,000	\$173,000	\$178,709	\$178,709
SUB MN Feeder Load Monitoring	\$5,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

With respect to CBAs, we provided CBAs for the ELR Breakers (Attachment M filed in the 2025 IDP) and Grid Reinforcement (Attachment N filed in the 2025 IDP) programs as part of our 2025 IDP. Preparation of these CBAs took several months to complete, and a refresh of these CBAs would be easier to do than the initial CBA build.

The length of time to prepare a CBA would vary for each specific program. Generally, once the first CBA is built, subsequent updates would be easier.

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