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Response To: Steve Rakow Information Request No. 43
MN Department of Commerce

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Question:

Regarding the system alternative (revised), base plan, base plan plus double circuit, and base plan plus series compensation alternatives discussed in Appendix A-4 of the Petition, to the extent possible, please provide data on the installed cost (in dollars—for example, see graph 5 and/or Appendix B to Appendix A-4) and losses (in MW—for example, see table 7 and/or graph 6). Alternatively, please provide a citation as to where the data can be found in information previously provided to the Department or a note that the requested data does not exist.

Response:

The cost estimate data for the system alternative (revised), base plan, and base plan plus double circuit is included in Appendix B-TLTG Summaries of the Southwest Minnesota Study. This information begins on page 49 of the study which is included in Appendix A-4 to the Certificate of Need Application. See B-1 (Base Plan), B-1A (Base Plan, Double Circuit), and B-2A (System Alternative-Revised).

The Southwest Minnesota Study also included cost estimate data for the base plan plus series compensation, but this information is not contained in Appendix A-4. Attached is an Excel spreadsheet which provides the requested data, including Graphs 5 & 6 from the Southwest Minnesota Study and supporting source data.

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