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Response To: Elizabeth Goodpaster Information Request No. 3
 and Mary Marrow
 MCEA/Wind on the Wires

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Question:

With reference to the Application Volume I, Sec. 2.4 (pages 2.9) entitled "Transmission Line Characteristics" and Applicants' response to DOC/OES Information Request No. 2, please provide thermal MVA ratings, surge impedance loadings (SIL), MVA and thermal ampere capacity ratings (amplacities) under summer normal, summer emergency, winter normal and winter emergency conditions for the following conductors and voltages:

- (a) Single 795ACSR, 115 KV
- (b) Single 795 ACSS, 115 KV
- (c) Twin bundled 795 ACSR, 115 KV
- (d) Twin bundled 795 ACSS, 115 KV
- (e) Single 954 ACSS, 115 KV
- (f) Single 795 ACSS, 161 KV
- (g) Single 954 ACSS, 161 KV
- (h) Single 795 ACSR, 230 KV
- (i) Single 795 ACSS, 230 KV
- (j) Single 954 ACSS, 230 KV
- (k) Twin bundled 795 ACSR, 345 KV
- (l) Twin bundled 954 ACSS, 345 KV
- (m) Triple bundled 954 ACSS, 500 KV
- (n) Triple bundled conductor as used on the Forbes – Chisago 500 KV line

In your response, please define the conditions for summer normal, summer emergency, winter normal and winter emergency conditions (ambient temp, wind speed, degree rise, allowable sag, etc.), and specify the regulatory authority setting the foregoing standards and the reference to applicable rules.

Response:

The thermal ratings of the requested conductors and voltages are noted in the table below. Conductor ratings are based on the “IEEE Standard for calculation of Bare Overhead Conductor Temperature and Ampacity Under Steady-State Conditions,” ANSI/IEEE Standard 738. Alcoa SAG10 Ratekit was used to calculate conductor ratings.

A regulatory authority does not set the conductor steady state thermal rating variables. The CapX2020 Member Utilities Transmission Line Standards Committee (“Committee”) developed the conductor steady state thermal rating variables for summer ratings based upon member utilities’ standard of practice..

The summer steady state thermal rating variables are as follows:

- Conductor orientation relative to north: 90 degrees
- Atmosphere: Clear
- Air Temperature: 40 degrees C for Summer
- Wind Speed: 2 ft/sec
- Wind angle relative to conductor: 90 degrees
- Elevation above sea level: 1000 ft
- Latitude: 45 degrees N
- Date: July 8
- Solar time: 12 hours
- Coefficient of emissivity: 0.7
- Coefficient of absorption: 0.9
- 200 degrees C maximum operating temperature for ACSS
- 100 degrees C maximum operating temperature for ACSR

The Committee defined the Emergency Line Rating as equal to the steady state thermal rating.

The Committee specified that conductors meet minimum clearances to ground based upon voltage and nature of surface under the conductor (*i.e.*, roads, interstate highway, railroads, etc.). The minimum specified clearances were chosen to assure that the final constructed lines meet or exceed the National Electrical Safety Code (“NESC”) minimum clearances. Conductor sags are to be calculated based upon conductor size, conductor temperature, span length, design tension, structure heights and loading conditions. Vertical clearances shall be applied to the greatest sag resulting from either the maximum operating temperature of 200°C (for the ACSS

conductor) and 100°C (for the ACSR conductor) or the maximum loaded condition (ice plus wind).

<u>Conductor</u>	<u>Summer Thermal Ampacity Rating</u>	<u>Summer Thermal MVA Rating</u>
Single 795 kcm 26/7 ACSR, 115 KV	965 amps	192 MVA
Single 795 kcm 26/7 ACSS, 115 KV	1655 amps	330 MVA
Twin bundled 795 kcm 26/7 ACSR, 115 KV	1930 amps	384 MVA
Twin bundled 795 kcm 26/7 ACSS, 115 KV	3310 amps	659 MVA
Single 954 kcm 54/19 ACSS, 115 KV	1850 amps	368 MVA
Single 795 kcm 26/7 ACSS, 161 KV	1655 amps	462 MVA
Single 954 kcm 54/19 ACSS, 161 KV	1850 amps	516 MVA
Single 795 kcm 26/7 ACSR, 230 KV	965 amps	384 MVA
Single 795 kcm 26/7 ACSS, 230 KV	1655 amps	659 MVA
Single 954 kcm 54/19 ACSS, 230 KV	1850 amps	737 MVA
Twin bundled 795 kcm 26/7 ACSR, 345 KV	1930 amps	1153 MVA
Twin bundled 954 kcm 54/19 ACSS, 345 KV	3700 amps	2211 MVA
Triple bundled 954 kcm 54/19 ACSS, 500 KV	5550 amps	4806 MVA
Triple bundled conductor as used on the Forbes – Chisago 500 KV line (Triple bundled 1192.5 kcm 45/7 ACSR)	3648 amps	3159 MVA

The Committee did not develop steady state thermal rating variables for winter ratings. Xcel Energy – NSP Operating Territory uses 0°C for the winter rating air temperature for calculating the rating during the winter operating season of November 1 to April 30. The April 30 date produces the lowest allowable line rating of the winter rating period, so it is used in the following table. The April 30 date and 0°C air temperature were used in conjunction with the other steady state thermal

rating variables developed by the Committee to develop the following winter rating table.

The winter steady state thermal rating variables used for the following Xcel Energy – NSP Operating Territory/ CAPX2020 Member Utilities Transmission Line Standards Committee rating table are as follows:

- Conductor orientation relative to north: 90 degrees
- Atmosphere: Clear
- Air Temperature: 0 degrees C for Winter
- Wind Speed: 2 ft/sec
- Wind angle relative to conductor: 90 degrees
- Elevation above sea level: 1000 ft
- Latitude: 45 degrees N
- Date: April 30
- Solar time: 12 hours
- Coefficient of emissivity: 0.7
- Coefficient of absorption: 0.9
- 200 degrees C maximum operating temperature for ACSS
- 100 degrees C maximum operating temperature for ACSR

<u>Conductor</u>	<u>Winter (April 30) Thermal Ampacity Rating</u>	<u>Winter (April 30) Thermal MVA Rating</u>
Single 795 kcm 26/7 ACSR, 115 KV	1286 amps	256 MVA
Single 795 kcm 26/7 ACSS, 115 KV	1819 amps	362 MVA
Twin bundled 795 kcm 26/7 ACSR, 115 KV	2572 amps	512 MVA
Twin bundled 795 kcm 26/7 ACSS, 115 KV	3638 amps	725 MVA
Single 954 kcm 54/7 ACSS, 115 KV	2032 amps	405 MVA
Single 795 kcm 26/7 ACSS, 161 KV	1819 amps	507 MVA
Single 954 kcm 54/7 ACSS, 161 KV	2032 amps	567 MVA
Single 795 kcm 26/7 ACSR, 230 KV	1286 amps	512 MVA

<u>Conductor</u>	<u>Winter (April 30) Thermal Ampacity Rating</u>	<u>Winter (April 30) Thermal MVA Rating</u>
Single 795 kcm 26/7 ACSS, 230 KV	1819 amps	725 MVA
Single 954 kcm 54/7 ACSS, 230 KV	2032 amps	809 MVA
Twin bundled 795 kcm 26/7 ACSR, 345 KV	2572 amps	1537 MVA
Twin bundled 954 kcm 54/7 ACSS, 345 KV	4064 amps	2428 MVA
Triple bundled 954 kcm 54/7 ACSS, 500 KV	6096 amps	5279 MVA
Triple bundled conductor as used on the Forbes – Chisago 500 KV line (Triple bundled 1192.5 kcm 45/7 ACSR)	4875 amps	4222 MVA

Surge Impedance

The following table shows typical ranges of surge impedances found on the CapX2020 member systems. Designs for the proposed CapX2020 transmission lines are not far enough along to provide more accurate surge impedances for these lines.

Conductor Configuration

Surge Impedance

Single Bundled Conductor – 115, 161 & 230 KV Configurations a, b, f & h	350 – 375 Ohms
Twin bundled Conductor - 115 KV Configurations c & d	250 - 300 Ohms
Twin bundled Conductor - 345 KV Configurations k & l	270 –285 Ohms
Triple bundled Conductor - 500 KV Configuration n	250 – 300 Ohms
Configurations e, g, i, j and m	Not Used

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