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Utilities Commission

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Question:

What is the basis for the limit of payment for a maximum of 2,000 kWh delivered per month for Occasional Delivery Energy Service?

Response:

The Occasional Delivery Energy Service (Rate Code E50) was designed for customers who are unlikely to deliver any significant amount of intermittent energy to the NSPM. The 2,000 kWh limit was proposed and approved in conjunction with our 1992 South Dakota electric rate case (EL92-016). The previous E50 tariff rate limit was 1,500 kWh. Customers interested in a larger system may opt for service under the Time of Delivery Service tariff rate, or may negotiate a power purchase agreement with the Company.

The following excerpt is from the testimony of Company witness Steve Huso in the 1992 rate case:

MISCELLANEOUS RATES AND PROVISIONS

Q. Mr. Huso, are you proposing to change any miscellaneous rates or provisions?

A. Yes, we are proposing changes in cogeneration rates. There are two standard tariffs which continue to be offered to small qualifying facilities (those with capacity of 100 kW or less). The two tariffs are Occasional Delivery Energy Service and Time of Delivery Energy Service. The Occasional Delivery Energy Service tariff is available to any Small Qualifying Facility (SQF) for delivery of small amounts of energy. This tariff currently is available to those SQF's who will normally deliver no more than 1,500 kWh per month. To be consistent with the proposed changes in the following metering charges and energy payments, NSP-SD is also proposing to increase this limit to 2,000 kWh per month. An SQF that delivers more than 2,000 kWh per month would benefit from the Time of Delivery Energy Service Rate in order to take advantage of the higher on-peak energy payment.

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