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A. Applicants rely on the substation load forecast in the Application, as modified and corrected in response to Department of Commerce Office of Energy Security Information Request No. 47. Applicants note specifically that the load data for Tri-Electric Cooperative's growth rate was inadvertently omitted from the discussion on page 4.14 of the Application.

B. This information is contained in Section 4.1.2 of the Application.

C. The capacity of the existing transmission system in the event of a Genoa – Coulee 161 kV line outage, is 460 MW when generators at Alma and Genoa are running and the French Island Generating Plant, units 1 and 2 are operating. In 2009, two 60 MVAR capacitor banks will be added and the system capability will be increased to 470 MW. The substation forecast analysis, provided in Appendix C-2 of the Application, indicates that the 470 MW demand level will be exceeded in approximately 2009. Appendix C-2 was compiled by using substation forecasts provided by Xcel Energy and Dairyland Power Cooperative distribution cooperatives that serve the La Crosse/Winona area. The utilities' substation forecasts took into account load management programs and conservation efforts used by the utilities to reduce peak demand.

D. Applicants do not have this data.

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