South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Docket GE15-001 MidAmerican Energy Company Second Data Requests

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South Dakota Data Request

2-15 Please calculate the estimated gas and electric rate savings expected during the 2015-17 Energy Efficiency Program's lifetime. Further, provide a discussion on how implementation of the 2015-17 Energy Efficiency program will benefit all ratepayers.

Response:

Please see Attachment 2-15 for annual net bill savings during the lifetime of the 2015-17 energy efficiency program.

The primary benefit of MidAmerican's energy efficiency program will be to reduce the long-term cost of providing energy (both electricity and natural gas) to South Dakota customers. The purpose of energy efficiency programs is to identify opportunities for customers to invest in energy efficient equipment and/or services where the cost of those investments is less than the anticipated cost of providing energy to the customer if the investment were not made. MidAmerican's energy efficiency plan identifies those opportunities and provides education, technical assistance, and incentives to customers so that those cost-beneficial energy investments can be made. This process results in long-term economic benefits to all of MidAmerican's customers.