

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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MidAmerican Energy Company
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1-5) Refer to page 5 of attachment 1. Explain the why the company is using the Avoidable New Generating Capacity Costs for 2016 instead of 2015 in its proposed tariff. Previous filings have always been the current year listed in the table.

Response:

MidAmerican used the 2016 costs because the MISO capacity auction for the June 2015 through May 2016 period has already occurred and all capacity requirements have been cleared, and because the majority of the months in 2016 lie within the upcoming June 2016 through May 2017 MISO planning year.