

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Docket GE14-001
MidAmerican Energy Company
Fourth Information Data Requests

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South Dakota Data Request

4-8) Does MidAmerican have any market information that identifies whether or not applicants for residential gas furnace rebates would delay the installation of furnaces in order to take advantage of the rebate in 2015 if the program is suspended in 2014?

Response:

While MidAmerican has no research on this topic, based on MidAmerican’s experience, the fourth quarter of the year is prime time for trade allies to install higher efficient furnaces. As a result, it may not be possible for customers or trade allies to delay the installation of furnaces in order to take advantage of rebates in 2015 if the program is suspended in 2014, because the equipment needs to be replaced prior to the start of the 2014 heating season and heavy workload levels for service and maintenance calls during the first quarter of every year.