

**RESPONSE OF MidAmerican Energy Company  
April 3, 2013  
Docket No. NG13-001**

**In the 2013 proposed budget, please explain why there is an expected decrease in the Economic Assistance Programs budget and why there is an expected increase in the Business Attraction Incentives and Staff Salaries budgets.**

Over the years, spending between business retention and business attraction has varied. The last two years, retention requests have been down and our costs in the business attraction category have gone up. We adjusted the 2013 budget to reflect that. The Governor's Golf Outing increased from \$2,500 (+ pin prizes) to \$5,000 for two participants in 2012. We contribute \$1,500 for a GOED Conference Scholarship each year and sponsor the hors d'oeuvres for the MDEDA/LCEDA annual dinner which varies from year to year. Last year, because there was slow response in the business retention area, we provided \$1,000 to fund the Governor's Pheasant Hunt. If we have a number of requests for funding in business retention in 2013, we may back off a little in the business attraction area.

**On page 21, please verify that the percent change was calculated accurately in the table. The current calculations indicate that county populations in year 2011 were used as the denominator rather than the county populations in year 2000. Past filings use the year 2000 county populations in the denominator. Please submit a revised table should it be needed.**

When preparing the chart I used a spreadsheet and must have inadvertently indicated the wrong column in my formula. The corrected chart is below.

South Dakota Counties w/ MidAmerican Energy	2000	2011	Total Change	Percent Change
Clay	13,587	14,051	464	3.4
Lake	11,276	11,567	291	2.6
Lincoln	24,131	46,793	22,662	93.9
McCook	5,832	5,556	-276	-4.7
Minnehaha	148,281	171,752	23,471	15.8
Moody	6,595	6,475	-120	-1.8
Turner	8,849	8,332	-517	-5.8
Union	12,584	14,651	2,067	16.4
Yankton	21,652	22,612	786	3.6
<b>TOTAL-MEC COUNTIES</b>	<b>252,787</b>	<b>301,789</b>	<b>49,002</b>	<b>19.4</b>
<b>OTHER SD</b>	<b>502,107</b>	<b>522,293</b>	<b>20,186</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>SD TOTAL</b>	<b>754,894</b>	<b>824,082</b>	<b>69,188</b>	<b>9.2</b>

MEC COUNTIES %/SD	33.5	36.6		