

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Docket NG16-002
MidAmerican Energy Company
First Data Requests

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South Dakota Data Request

- 1.1 In 2015 MidAmerican expenditures for Staffing were \$8,209 over budget in the Staffing category for a total of \$43,484. What changes are expected for MidAmerican's Economic Development program to set the 2016 Staffing budget at \$30,125?

Response:

MidAmerican is not expecting changes to the 2016 Staffing budget. In 2013, MidAmerican agreed to shift a portion of the budgeted staffing dollars to other areas of the budget. Over the past three years MidAmerican shifted \$20K from staffing to economic assistance programs and business attraction incentives and MidAmerican is proposing to shift another, final, \$5K to business attraction in 2016. Although MidAmerican rebalanced allocated staffing dollars to programming, actual staff time has not been reduced. MidAmerican is investing significantly more in South Dakota and not charging back the entire staffing dollars to the portion of the budget recovered in rates.

- 1.2 Did any of MidAmerican's economic development expenses go towards lobbying in 2015?

Response:

No.