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RE: Staff Recommendation to Reclose Docket GE15-004

Ms. Van Gerpen,

On May 18, 2016, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed a status update on the 2016 program costs for its Energy Efficiency Plan approved in docket GE15-004. Within the status update, MidAmerican identified that its custom gas, custom electric, and nonresidential electric equipment programs experienced more customer participation than expected during the first half of 2016. As a result of the increased participation, the approved budgets for the programs were depleted in the middle of the Energy Efficiency Plan period. MidAmerican is not requesting an increase to the depleted budgets at this time.

MidAmerican's 2016 Energy Efficiency Plan and program budgets were approved by the Commission on December 29, 2015, in docket GE15-004. It is understood by MidAmerican and Commission Staff (Staff) that any spending beyond 110% of the approved budgets would require MidAmerican to request Commission approval for a budget increase. At this time, MidAmerican plans to suspend the programs rather than request a budget increase. Since MidAmerican is not requesting Commission approval of a budget increase and, further, has suspended the programs in order to not exceed the Commission approved budgets established in docket GE15-004, Staff finds that there is no further action required by MidAmerican or the Commission at this time. Therefore, Staff recommends that docket GE15-004 be reclosed.

Sincerely,

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