

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY
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Information Request:

In the 2016 Energy Efficiency Plan, does the section on the “Removal of Rebate Incentives for T12 Lighting Retrofits” need to be included in the plan since the 2014-15 plan does not include those rebates?

Attachments: 0

Response:

The 2014-2015 SD EEP Plan that was filed on May 1, 2013 and then later revised on June 24, 2015 did not include rebates for any T12 retrofit. Through discussions in early 2014, with Minnesota Division of Energy Resources it was agreed that a smaller incentive with much less energy savings could be included in Otter Tail’s Minnesota conservation plan. In February 2014, Otter Tail had email exchanges with South Dakota Commission staff describing the plan to include rebates for T12 retrofit to a low-watt T8 or LED technology. Otter Tail maintains the position that we will not rebate a change from T12 to a standard T8. SD Staff indicated that as long as cost-effectiveness of the program was maintained there was no staff opposition. Otter Tail confirmed that overall cost-effectiveness of the lighting program would be maintained and the EEP program would still operate within its SDPUC approved budget and energy saving goals.

Otter Tail believes this discussion allowed inclusion of T12 retrofits, as Otter Tail described on page 11 of the 2016 Energy Efficiency Plan, in the 2014-2015 Plan. Since this modification was informally included in the 2014-2015 Plan, Otter Tail specifically described it in the 2016 Plan.