

OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY
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Response to: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Analyst: SDPUC Staff
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Information Request:

Given the historical trend of declining participation in the Air Source and Ground Source heat pump programs, please explain why Otter Tail is recommending an increase to the program budgets for the 2017-19 Energy Efficiency Plan.

Attachments: 0

Response:

Although participation has declined in the Air Source and Ground Source heat pump programs, Otter Tail believes these technologies provide the most efficient heating and cooling systems to our customers and will continue to encourage our customers to install these technologies. In addition, the heat pump programs remain cost-effective. With the current federal tax credit for ground source heat pumps set to expire at the end of 2016, we will need additional resources to push for their installation.

Otter Tail does have flexibility in our budgets to reallocate these dollars to other programs if participation continues to remain below our goals.