

**NorthWestern Energy**  
**Docket GE16-005**  
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1-6) Please provide a table showing the most current update on the budgeted costs and actual costs for the currently approved plan. Further, please explain what programs have dollars remaining in the budget and what programs are suspended due to meeting budgets.

**RESPONSE:**

See Attachment 1-6 for tables that show the combined electric and natural gas budget and expenditures, and individual electric and natural gas budgets and expenditures from July 1, 2015 through January 31, 2017 for the currently approved plan. Actual NorthWestern expenditures are reported from July 1, 2015 through November 30, 2016 and estimated spending is reported for December 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017. The cumulative expenditures of the currently approved plan will be reported in March of 2017 once all invoices associated with the work completed through December 2016 have been processed and paid.

While funds appear to remain in the electric and natural gas budgets for Residential Home Energy Audits, it is expected that the remaining number of audits will be completed by December 31 and the budgeted funds will be spent. The spending of the remaining Residential Home Energy Audit dollars is reflected in cells J37 and K37 and J64 and K64 of Attachment 1-6 for the electric and natural gas budgets, respectively.

NorthWestern expects that the natural gas program budget will have funds remaining for E+ Commercial Existing Construction Natural Gas Program, E+ Residential Existing Construction Natural Gas Program, and the E+ Natural Gas Business Partners Program in the rebates, administration, and advertising categories. It is unclear at this time what the final outcome will be as outreach efforts were refocused to natural gas customers after the suspension of electric rebate programs in late October 2016. NorthWestern expects that the contractor expenses category budget will be spent as a result of the refocusing effort. Cell J74 in Attachment 1-6 includes all projects known to be nearing completion in 2016. This value may change depending upon final customer action in 2016.

In late October of 2016, following discussion with Commission Staff, the electric rebate program offerings were suspended as the electric budget was met due to energy saving projects nearing completion and the expectation that those customers would be submitting the information necessary to receive a rebate. The following electric rebate program offerings were suspended:

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- E+ Commercial Lighting Rebate Program
- E+ Residential Lighting Rebate Program
- E+ Commercial Existing Construction Electric Rebate Program
- E+ Commercial New Construction Electric Rebate Program
- E+ Residential Existing Construction Electric Rebate Program
- E+ Residential New Construction Electric Rebate Program
- E+ Electric Business Partners Program