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From: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2014 7:17 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Northwestern Energy

Mel,

After reviewing the links to NorthWestern Energy's commercial lighting rebate program, I understand your frustration of NorthWestern not including a disclaimer that identifies the rebate program as only applying to their Montana customers. Although not clearly stated for each individual rebate program, NorthWestern does identify that rebates offered through the E+ programs do not apply to South Dakota and Nebraska on the "What is USBC and DSM" web page.

NorthWestern collects a Universal System Benefits Charge (USBC) from Montana customers that cover the costs of the Montana E+ programs. Since the USBC is not collected from South Dakota customers, rebates are not available in South Dakota. However, NorthWestern does have a South Dakota energy efficiency program pending at the Public Utilities Commission (see docket GE12-001). Since this is an open docket that I will need to make a decision on in the future, I cannot discuss any specifics of NorthWestern's program with you. If you have any questions on NorthWestern's proposed energy efficiency program for South Dakota, please contact Darren Kearney (Staff Analyst) who is cc'd on this email.

Thank you for contacting me with your question on NorthWestern's energy efficiency program. Because this is an open docket your message and my response will be filed with the docket. You are welcome to follow along as the docket is processed by reviewing documents filed and posted on our web site.

Here is a link to NorthWestern's Energy Efficiency Program docket: GE12-001 -

<http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/GasElectric/2012/ge12-001.aspx>

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From: Gary Hanson

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Thank you Mel, I will look into it and get back to you.

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