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Response To: South Dakota Public
Utilities Commission

Data Request No. 1-6

Requestor: Darren Kearney

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Question:

Please provide justification for continuing and expanding rebates for LED lightbulbs if many retailers will discontinue stocking CFLs in 2017 (as stated in the petition).

Response:

LED incentives for ENERGY STAR qualified products continue to be necessary due to the high number of other inefficient lighting products that remain on the market, including halogen and incandescent products. These products are widely available at many retailers. Retailers and manufacturers have indicated that in areas of the United States where no incentives are available, inefficient lighting products outsell ENERGY STAR qualified lighting products.

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