

**NorthWestern Energy
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South Dakota DSM Filing**

**South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
First Data Request (1-1 – 1-11)**

Data Requests received August 13, 2015

- 1-1) Please provide actual Year 1 expenses, segmented into Natural Gas expenses and Electric expenses, to show that the 60% electric and 40% natural gas cost split is reasonable.

RESPONSE:

NorthWestern has updated this requested cost split. See Attachment 1-1 which shows the actual final Year 1 expenditures, the period ending June 30, 2015. In particular, cells A33:C36 summarize the expenses for Year 1 by utility and in total.

Based on actual expenditures of 62% electric and 38% natural gas in Year 1 and current Year 2 program offerings, NorthWestern has updated the Year 2 budget for a cost split of 66% electric and 34% natural gas. The actual split of expenditures may vary with customer participation and the program administration costs.