

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Docket GE16-004  
MidAmerican Energy Company  
First Data Request

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Please provide further justification for eliminating the residential clothes washer rebates and explain how the 2017 budgets were adjusted to account for the elimination of these rebates.

**Response:**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a direct final rule to establish amended energy conservation standards for residential clothes washers in the Federal Register on May 31, 2012. One set of amended standards applies to all products manufactured in, or imported into, the United States on or after March 7, 2015. As a result of these amended standards, MidAmerican’s benefit-cost ratio is less than 1.0 for this measure. Therefore, MidAmerican stopped offering clothes washer incentives to South Dakota electric customers starting January 1, 2016. Due to the low forecasted participation level (18) and budget (\$5,400) associated with this measure, no budget or savings revision is being recommended. MidAmerican will reallocate the budget associated with this measure to other electric measures within the residential portfolio for the remainder of this plan. The Commission approved the November 20, 2015 filing that included the elimination of residential clothes washer rebates for the remaining years of this plan. [\(See Docket No. GE15-005\)](#)

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