

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
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MidAmerican Energy Company  
First Data Request

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Please refer to page 6 of the 2016 Annual Report: How does MidAmerican recover cost for the online audit program?

**Response:**

The online Home Energy Assessment is an education and awareness tool for residential customers. This new tool replaces the previous online audit tool provided by Aclara. Similar to past program years, the cost for the program was allocated to the HomeCheck program budget.

The new online Home Energy Assessment tool provides more information to the customers regarding their energy usage and, based on their profile, provides customized recommendations. The program promotes MidAmerican energy efficiency rebates and encourages customers to take control of their energy use through efficiency improvements and behaviors. This online tool is also particularly helpful to customers who do not qualify for the on-site energy assessment HomeCheck.