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First Data Request

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For the gas nonresidential custom program, please explain why the TRC score was 0.83 in 2016. If custom projects are reviewed individually for cost-effectiveness prior to awarding rebates, shouldn't the custom program produce a TRC score greater than 1.0?

**Response:**

Each project rebated through the custom program is reviewed for cost effectiveness as measured by the Societal Cost Test. In many cases, projects that pass the Societal Cost Test will pass the TRC. This was not the case for the boiler project rebated in 2016.

Also, in the custom program each project is evaluated without knowing the overall program's (MidAmerican Energy's Custom Rebate Program) administrative costs. In order for the overall program to be cost effective, the projects must be individually cost effective and by a great enough margin to overcome the addition of administrative costs.