

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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MidAmerican Energy Company
Second Data Requests

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2-10. Refer to MEC's response to Staff DR 1-3. Explain how MEC plans to quantify the decreased revenue associated with lower demand resulting from restrictions placed on normal business operations. Does MEC plan to also include an offset to this amount due to the increased revenue associated with increased residential demand and any possible individual demand increases in the commercial and industrial sectors?

Response:

MidAmerican intends to retrospectively analyze weather-normalized volumes in an effort to identify changes in base rate revenues directly attributable to specific directives outlined in the Governor's Executive Orders. MidAmerican is still evaluating the best way to quantify decreased retail sales related to the pandemic. If this quantification is performed at the class-level, any increases in sales will inherently offset decreases in sales. If the quantification is targeted to individual customers, it may be obvious when a customer has been negatively impacted – i.e. shut down completely, but more difficult to identify incremental usage.

At this point, MidAmerican is one of several Petitioners requesting deferred regulatory accounting treatment of COVID-related financial impacts. Pending the approval of this request, MidAmerican's subsequent response and plan filing would provide more methodological detail at that point. Accordingly, such a filing would provide Staff the opportunity to conduct an in-depth review of the proposed quantification methodology.