

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Docket GE20-002
MidAmerican Energy Company
Second Data Requests

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- 2-7. Refer to MEC's response to Staff DR 1-3. For each of the individual expense categories identified in this response provide the following (separated for gas and electric operations):
- a. The date the Company began incurring the additional COVID-related expense.
 - b. The amount of actual additional expense to date and any supporting workpapers.
 - c. The amount of additional expense the Company estimates it will ultimately incur and any supporting workpapers.
 - d. The actions the Company has taken to ensure the additional costs are kept to a minimum.

Response:

- a. MidAmerican began recording incremental costs as of March 5, 2020, for both electric and gas operations.
- b. MidAmerican's estimate of South Dakota direct and allocated pandemic-related costs to date (as of June 3rd) is approximately \$294,000. The attached exhibit provides detail of these costs, although the electric vs. gas split has not been provided as the majority of these costs are total company (i.e., common) costs that are subject to a series of allocations. Note that the attached exhibit does not include bad debts, waived late payment and other fees, and other revenue-related impacts, which have yet to be determined.
- c. Presently, MidAmerican does not have forecast estimates of these cost categories.
- d. On March 16, 2020, MidAmerican formally activated its incident command team, comprised of leaders throughout the company that carefully evaluated each action put in place in response to the pandemic. These actions were taken only after thorough review from the incident command team and determination that the actions were in the best interest of MidAmerican's employees, customers, and general welfare of the public. MidAmerican believes that costs incurred in response to the pandemic have been necessary to protect the safety of its customers and employees and to maintain reliable operations.