

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

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2-8. Has MEC experienced any expense reductions, or does MEC anticipate any expense reductions, in the following areas due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

- Travel
- Training
- Tree trimming
- Meter reading or other truck rolls
- O&M associated with peaker units
- Health care costs
- Furlough of non-essential employees
- Delays or attrition in hiring process
- Utility costs
- Other

Response:

MidAmerican has not attempted to compare any of these items to historical levels. It is likely that some of the cost reduction items outlined above would only be delayed as opposed to permanently reduced.

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 Staff and MidAmerican the opportunity to discuss how these cost reduction items may be identified and measured.