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**Subject Matter:** First Data Request  
**Request to:** NorthWestern Energy  
**Request from:** South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff  
**Date of Request:** April 20, 2015  
**Responses Due:** May 4, 2015

1-1) In Attachment A, please explain why 2014 actual expenses for Southeast Enterprise Facilitation Project are allocated at 100% to natural gas.

SEFP provides services to entrepreneurs in McCook County and Turner County in which we serve natural gas only. SEFP depends on the financial support it receives from its business partners, communities, and counties in which it serves. Through this outside financial support, SEFP is able to provide services and advice to start-up business and businesses wishing to expand within its service area. Services provided by SEFP include, but are not limited to, development of business plans, developing sales/marketing materials, and the identification and development of management teams. It is SEFP's mission to provide services related to grassroots economic development.

1-2) Please check the accuracy of the total amount calculated for 2014 Actual Customer Share in Attachment A.

The 2014 Actual Customer Share total amount has been corrected. There was an error in the calculation formula.

1-3) For the 2015 budget (Attachment B), should Marion Business and Professional expenses be allocated at 100% to natural gas? If not, please explain the reasoning for only allocating at 30% as proposed.

Yes, the Marion Business and Professional expense should have been allocated to 100% natural gas.

1-4) For the new programs funded in 2014 and budgeted for in 2015 (Marion Business and Professional, Webster Area Development Corporation, and SDCEDC), please provide the mission of each organization and types of projects implemented by each organization.

Following further discussion with staff and internally, the SDEDC and Marion Business and Professional expenses were removed from both the 2014 actual expenses and the proposed 2015 economic development budget. Both Attachment A and Attachment B have been adjusted to reflect the removal of those expenses.

The Webster Area Development Corporation's (WADC) mission is to facilitate economic growth through creative and innovative ideas and strategies. Some of the more noteworthy initiatives recently undertaken by WADC include the expansion of Anderson Industries to Webster, Glacial Lakes Finishing's purchase of PowderTech Corporation, SDSU Architecture partnership, assisting with the location of ShopKo after the ALCO store closed, and its ongoing collaboration with the Webster Area Chamber of Commerce to launch a new website to better promote business and workforce recruitment activities. WADC provided leadership for the Design: SD Workshop that resulted in the creation of 22 Vision Teams that will focus on workforce/education, Main Street development, and housing needs, along with other initiatives.

1-5) Please explain why Absolutely Aberdeen was removed from the 2015 budget.

Absolutely Aberdeen no longer exists as an economic development organization.