

Docket Number: NG19-003  
Subject Matter: First Data Request  
Request to: NorthWestern Energy  
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Staff  
Date of Request: April 4, 2019  
Responses Due: April 18, 2019

1-1. Provide details on the mission statement or purpose of the following organizations that received economic development money in NorthWestern's natural gas service area in 2018:

- a. Brookings Regional Builders Assoc.  
Brookings Regional Builders Association: advocate for the residential and remodeling industry in Brookings and surrounding communities. It is the Mission of BRBA to serve and represent its members who are affiliated with the building and remodeling industry, who strive to meet the housing needs of our neighbors.
- b. Forward Sioux Falls  
As the catalyst for renewed economic opportunities, Forward Sioux Falls IV will provide advanced strategies to further success in the areas of workforce development, technology, economic development and our community and business climates.
- c. Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce  
The Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce goal/mission is to bring the business community together and to develop strong local networks.
- d. SD Chamber Econ. Dev. Seminar Sponsorship  
This was a seminar to discuss regional and statewide trends in business growth in SD that was put on by the SD Chamber of Commerce & Industry. NorthWestern provided a sponsorship to the event. The SD Chamber's mission statement is: The South Dakota Chamber of Commerce & Industry will provide leadership to ensure a vigorous and prosperous business climate for the benefit for all South Dakotans.
- e. Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce  
The mission of the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce is to represent members by advancing and promoting the economic health and quality of life of the region. We strive to achieve this by being a central force in the greater community and a place where local businesses can access resources and interact with other members of the business community.
- f. Sioux Falls Development Foundation Dues  
Sioux Falls Development Foundation's mission of improving the economy of the Sioux Falls region.
- g. Tea Economic Development Corporation  
Tea Economic Development Corporation: Goal of bringing businesses to Tea, creating jobs and making the city a better place to work and live.

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1-2. Why are these organizations not included for the 2019 Proposed Budget?

- a. Brookings Regional Builders Assoc.
- b. SD Chamber Econ. Dev. Seminar Sponsorship

As each of these were two new expenses in 2018, when updating the 2018 budget for 2019, they were simply overlooked. Each has been added to the 2019 proposed budget as reflected in the updated NG19-003 Attachment A that is attached.

1-3. Confirm the amount budgeted in the total company for the 2019 proposed budget for the SD Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The Natural Gas docket and the Electric docket each show a different total amount for the SD Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The SD Chamber of Commerce and Industry budgeted amount should be \$3300 as reflected in the 2019 proposed natural gas budget (Attachment A) in NG19-003. The 2019 proposed electric budget in EL19-015 has been adjusted to match that amount.

1-4. The SD Chamber Econ. Dev. Seminar Sponsorship is allocated 30% to Natural Gas. However, viewing the Electric Economic Development actuals in 2019 in Docket EL19-015, Electric is allocated 0% of the SD Chamber Econ. Dev. Seminar Sponsorship. Please explain.

This was an oversight. The 2018 proposed vs actual electric budget (Attachment B) in EL19-015 has been adjusted to reflect a 70% allocation for the SD Chamber's Economic Development Seminar Sponsorship.