

Docket Number: NG26-004
Subject Matter: First Data Request
Request to: MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican or Company)
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: August 21, 2026
Responses Due: September 4, 2026

- 1-1. Have any economic development funds recovered under this plan been used for lobbying activities in 2025, or will be in 2026? Please provide supporting documentation.

Response:

No. MidAmerican's economic development investments have not been used for lobbying activities in 2025 or 2026. MidAmerican's investments are being used to support the work of our economic development partners in the areas of site readiness, business retention and attraction, workforce development and other economic development activities. The enclosed letters, 1-1 Attachment, from our larger economic development partners affirm that MidAmerican's economic development investments are not used for lobbying activities.

- 1-2. Provide a list of any organizations found on the 2025 Budget Performance or 2026 Proposed Budget that have supported political advertisements in 2025 and/or 2026. Provide any documentation indicating whether or not the funds MidAmerican provides as part of its economic development plan are used by these organizations to fund political advertising.

Response:

MidAmerican's economic development investments have not been used for political advertising in 2025 or 2026. MidAmerican's investments are being used to support the work of our economic development partners in the areas of site readiness, business retention and attraction, workforce development and other economic development activities. The enclosed letters, 1-1 Attachment, from our larger economic development partners affirm that MidAmerican's economic development investments are not used for political advertising.

- 1-3. Refer to the 2025 South Dakota Economic Development Budget Performance. Reconcile the 2025 actual total of \$98,403 with the 2025 actual economic development costs of \$123,571 found in Docket NG26-006, Groen Direct Exhibit 1.1, Schedule 16, WP, Page 1 of 3.

Response:

The actual economic development total of \$98,403 listed in the 2025 South Dakota Economic Development Budget Performance represents the total dollars invoiced from the economic development organizations and sponsorships in 2025. The \$123,571 figure listed in Docket NG26-006, Groen Direct Exhibit 1.1, Schedule 16, WP, Page 1 of 3 represents these invoiced costs in addition to the MidAmerican staff time anticipated for participation in economic development activities as part of MidAmerican's rate case filing.

1-4. Refer to the 2026 South Dakota Economic Development Proposed Budget.

a) Explain the proposed increase to the sponsorship to the Enterprise Institute.

Response (a):

MidAmerican has historically supported the Enterprise Institute's entrepreneurial event at \$5,000. We sponsored at \$2,500 in 2025 to allow for other sponsorship opportunities within the budget. The budget for 2026 allows for MidAmerican to return its sponsorship to our usual level.

b) Explain the proposed sponsorship for the Sioux Falls homebuilders Lunch.

Response (b):

The Homebuilders Association of the Sioux Empire is a longtime partner of MidAmerican's, and we work closely with them on residential and commercial developments in several communities in and around Sioux Falls. The annual Homebuilders Lunch, which MidAmerican partially sponsors, is an opportunity to review the work of the association and their partners and better understand the development trends in the Sioux Falls market.