

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.  
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION STAFF  
FIRST DATA REQUEST  
DATED MAY 14, 2014  
DOCKET NO. NG14-04**

**1-14 Referring to Exhibit 4, explain why there are different authorized returns for Black Hills versus East River. Provide any necessary calculations.**

**Response:**

For the majority of the year, the Black Hills and East River jurisdictions were separate rate jurisdictions with different authorized rates for each jurisdiction and these are used in the 2013 calculation. Effective December 1, 2013, pursuant to Docket No. NG12-008, these two jurisdictions were combined into one rate jurisdiction with one authorized return which was used in the 2014 model.