

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.  
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION STAFF  
FIRST DATA REQUEST  
DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2016  
DOCKET NO. NG16-001**

**1-2 Referring to Exhibit 2, where were the 2015 budgeted participants, expenses, and Dk savings derived from?**

**Response:**

The 2015 budgeted participants, expenses and DK savings reflect the budget approved by the Commission in Docket No. NG14-007. Please see Response No. 1-2 Attachment A for the 2015-2017 budgets approved in that docket. The Commission removed the Energy Audit Program from the 2015 budget in Docket No. NG14-007 but reinstated the Energy Audit Program for the 2016-1017 budgets in its Order issued December 23, 2015 in Docket No. NG15-007.