

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.  
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES STAFF  
FIRST DATA REQUEST  
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- 1-2) Please refer to the definition of Meter Data on Section 5, Sheet No. 16.
- a) Has MDU installed any digital meters with two-way communication capabilities?  
Please explain.
  - b) Does MDU collect any data that is generated from sources behind the meter?  
Please explain.
  - c) Does MDU believe that data that is generated from sources behind the meter is covered by the privacy policy? Please explain and specify which section of the tariff explicitly identifies this data is covered by the policy.

**Response:**

- a) No, Montana-Dakota does not have digital meters capable of two way communication.
- b) No, Montana-Dakota is not collecting usage information on any device downstream of the Company's meter.
- c) No, since Montana does not collect this information, it would not be covered by the meter data or privacy tariffs proposed in this filing.