

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES STAFF
FIRST DATA REQUEST
ISSUED JANUARY 13, 2017
DOCKET NO. EL17-001**

- 1-3) Please refer to the Data Retention content in Section 5, Sheet No. 16.1. Please provide MDU's definition of "reasonable period" in the first sentence and "a reasonable period of time" in the second sentence.**

Response:

Montana-Dakota retains meter data (meter reads) it collects for a period of seven years and retains records related to disclosures of meter data to third parties for 3 years.