

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
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Question 1-1

Refer to Attach B, page 1, explain what the NITS Cust Rev Reg is.

Response:

Montana-Dakota receives MISO Schedule 9 revenue for Network Integration Transmission Service (NITS) provided to Basin Electric Power Cooperative (BEPC). This revenue is then offset by the NITS Customer Revenue Requirements for BEPC's member cooperatives transmission facilities located in Montana-Dakota's MISO pricing zone. The revenue credits are received by Montana-Dakota from MISO and are in turn paid to BEPC in accordance with the MISO tariff.

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Question 1-2

Refer to Attach B, page 2, why is a Schedule 11 charges there this year and not last year?

Response:

SPP Schedule 11 is a transmission charge associated with Highway Byway cost allocated network upgrades. A network customer's firm network transmission charge is a combination of Schedule 9 and Schedule 11 charges.

Inadvertently, SPP Schedule 11 charges were included with the SPP Schedule 9 charges in last year's filing.

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Question 1-3

Refer to Attach C, page 1, explain what the Sch. 9 Pay to Basin is.

Response:

Please see Response 1-1.

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Question 1-4

Refer to Attach c, page 1, why are Schedule 37 and 38 revenues there this year and not last year?

Response:

The revenue received from MISO Schedules 37 and 38 were included with the Schedule 26 revenue in last year's filing.

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Question 1-5

Refer to Attach c, page 2, why are Schedule 2 and 8 charges there this year and not last year?

Response:

Schedule 2 is used for miscellaneous charges from SPP and were included in Schedule 11 in last year's filing.

Schedule 8 is used for emergency transmission service and Montana-Dakota did not incur charges in last year's filing.

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Question 1-6

Refer to the response to DR1-19 in EL17-011 and page 3 of the letter filed in EL18-011. The response to DR1-19 says a new project would be included in this docket, but on page 3 of the letter to this docket it states a that no new projects are included. Provide and explanation as to why the project mentioned in EL17-011 wasn't included and provide a status update on the progress of the project.

Response:

The Ellendale, ND to Leola, SD transmission line and the related substation work continues, however the in-service date is now expected to be in the second or third quarter 2019. There are a number of reasons for the delay in the project, including right-of-way issues which caused reroutes of the line and changes in the design and/or scope of the substation work, in part a result of other projects and other changes brought about through the detailed design phase of the engineering work.

Another project to be placed in-service during by the end of the third quarter 2019 is a rebuild of the Bowdle Substation. This substation is experiencing issues related to its location that has become inundated with water. The substation will be relocated to a higher area.