

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.  
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
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**Question 2-5**

**Is the first phase of the Bowdle project, which is directly assigned to South Dakota, classified as distribution or transmission?**

**Response:**

The portion of the substation directly assigned to South Dakota is the 41.6 kV bus and equipment that is classified as transmission. The 41.6 kV system is operated radially and not intended to transmit bulk power over long distances, but rather intended to provide a source to MDU's distribution substations that directly serve load. Therefore, this investment is appropriately assigned directly to South Dakota customers.