

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.  
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
DATA REQUEST (SET 1) TO MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.  
ISSUED: MARCH 29, 2020 - RESPONSES DUE: APRIL 13, 2020  
EL20-010 - TRANSMISSION RIDER**

**1-3. Regarding the Ellendale to Leola project delayed due to issues with easement rights and weather, do these issues and delays impact the total construction costs? Please explain.**

**Response:**

The delays for easement rights and weather may cause minor impacts to the total project costs. For instance, the delays may require additional trips to the field for survey crews to re-stake structure locations, and possibly edit easement exhibits based on the landowner requests. However, these additional costs have not been quantified but are expected to be insignificant to the total project costs.