

**Docket Number:** EL23-030  
**Subject Matter:** First Data Request  
**Request to:** Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU or Company)  
**Request from:** South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff  
**Date of Request:** October 31, 2023  
**Responses Due:** November 15, 2023

1-2. Provide any forecasts used in the model inputs which are materially different than last year's forecasts.

**Response:**

See the gas supply forecast used in the model for 2023 and 2024 below and the MISO Energy Price Forecast included as Response No. 1-2 Attachment A. Montana-Dakota's natural gas generation facilities were developed for capacity resource requirements and produce very little energy in the marginal cost study models so changes in natural gas prices do not have a material effect on the Company's avoided energy rates.

		5 year cost projection	
		2023 Plan	2024 Plan
Lewis & Clark			
	2023	\$5.08	
	2024	\$4.43	\$4.76
	2025	\$3.98	\$4.81
	2026	\$3.86	\$4.72
	2027	\$3.86	\$4.70
	2028		\$4.71
Heskett III & IV			
	2023	\$5.06	
	2024	\$4.41	\$3.30
	2025	\$3.96	\$3.57
	2026	\$3.84	\$3.24
	2027	\$3.84	\$3.54
	2028		\$3.31
Glendive & Miles City CTs			
	2023	\$5.37	
	2024	\$5.23	\$4.76
	2025	\$5.01	\$4.81
	2026	\$4.96	\$4.72
	2027	\$4.99	\$4.70
	2028		\$4.71