

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
FIRST DATA REQUEST ISSUED MAY 8, 2020
RESPONSES DUE MAY 22, 2020
DOCKET NO. GE20-002**

- 1-3. Provide a complete listing of all cost increases (and cost decreases) the Company plans to include in the regulatory asset. For each of these items, include:
- a. The date the Company began incurring (or saving) the additional expense.
 - b. The amount of actual additional expense (or savings) to date.
 - c. The amount of additional expense (or savings) the Company estimates it will ultimately incur.
 - d. The actions the Company has taken to ensure the additional costs are kept to a minimum and cost savings are maximized.

Response:

a.-d. Montana-Dakota, along with the other Applicants, have requested that the deferred account be applicable beginning with the declaration by the President and Governor Noem of a pandemic on March 13, 2020. The Company is working to identify the types of costs and savings that are related to the pandemic. The following is a list of potential costs and savings to include in the regulatory asset. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list at this time as the requirements necessary to address pandemic related issues continues to evolve. Cost estimates are not available at this time.

- Increase in bad debt expense
- Late payment fees waived or short-term cost of debt
- Cell phone priority costs
- PPE (masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, wipes, etc.)
- Control room costs (cots, sleeping bags, floor mats, etc.)
- Additional computers
- Additional network/broadband/internet/software costs
- Issuance costs related to incremental short-term borrowings
- Load reductions specifically identified as related to the pandemic
- The above items would be offset by:
 - Lower travel costs
 - Lower training costs