

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION STAFF
FIRST DATA REQUEST
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1-1 Why wasn't this filing made earlier in the year for a March 1, 2014 effective date, as discussed in last year's filing? How does MDU propose to revise Tariff Sheet No. 31 to address this delayed filing?

Response:

The filing was inadvertently delayed. However, in order to return to a March 1 effective date next year, the amortization period for this filing is proposed for the period July 2014 through February 2015. No changes to Rate 90 Tariff Sheet No. 31 are necessary, but if needed, Montana-Dakota will request a waiver of Rate 90 to implement an amortization period of ten months in this filing.