

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION STAFF
SECOND DATA REQUEST
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2-2 Why didn't MDU file for approval of program spending over budget? How can MDU justify receiving recovery of dollars spent over budget absent SDPUC approval?

Response:

Montana-Dakota apologizes for the oversight in not requesting authorization for spending above its budget for 2013. Montana-Dakota will do so in the future when this is expected to occur and the amounts are justified. The 2013 expenditures are appropriate to be recovered as the 2013 program, including the amounts over budget, continued to provide benefits as supported by a TRC of 1.68 and will provide lifetime DK savings of 80,535. Therefore, the savings associated with the incremental expenditures benefitted customers.