

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. NG17-010
DATA REQUEST SET 1
DATED JUNE 15, 2017**

- 1-5. In the revised Transportation Agreement, explain why sections 2.2.1 through 2.2.9 were removed. If they are covered in another part of the tariff, provide where in the tariff, that is applicable to Rates 81 and 82, they are discussed.**

Response:

The Company is proposing to remove Section 2.2.1 Customer's Meter from the standard transportation agreement as check meter installations are not limited to transportation customers only. Customers, upon consultation with the Company, may install a check meter provided the check meter does not interfere with the Company's meter or delivery of gas thereto. Therefore, the Company is proposing to remove the provision from the standard agreement.

The Company is proposing to remove Sections 2.2.2 through 2.2.8 regarding the testing of meters from the standard transportation agreement as Montana-Dakota tests all gas meters, including transportation customer meters, in accordance with the Company's Gas Meter Testing Policy, the Company's South Dakota General Terms and Conditions Rate 100 tariff Sections V.7. Metering and Measuring and V.22 Gas Meter Test by Customer Request, and the Administrative Rules of South Dakota regarding meter reading and customer requested meter tests. Montana-Dakota tests meters annually either on a random sample basis or periodically based on meter size. If an error is found, corrective action is taken in compliance with the Company's Gas Meter Testing Policy and the Administrative Rules of South Dakota regarding billing adjustments for slow or fast meter errors as a result of meter testing. Therefore, as the provisions are not unique to transportation customers only, the Company is proposing to remove the provisions from the standard agreement.

The Company is proposing to remove Section 2.2.9 Record Examination from the standard transportation agreement as all customers, including the Company's transportation customers, have the right to dispute a utility bill, and have the Company respond to such complaint, in accordance with the Administrative Rules of South Dakota. As the provision is not unique to transportation customers only, the Company is proposing to remove the provision from the standard agreement.