

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.  
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
SET 1 - DATA REQUESTS  
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**1-1. On page 2 of the application, why does the description for thermostats say that they meet the “guidelines formally required by ENERGY STAR”?**

**Response:**

Energy Star no longer recognizes standard programmable thermostats as “Energy Star” products. Energy Star now requires that the thermostat be a 'smart' thermostat. Montana-Dakota continues to use the Energy Star guidelines that were originally in place for programmable thermostats to determine if the programmable thermostats qualify for the program. A Tier 1 programmable must have at least 4 programmable periods per day (i.e. wake, leave, return and sleep) and allow a separate program schedule for the work week vs. the weekend (i.e. 5-1-1 or 5-2 day programmable).