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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol Building  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Natural Gas Conservation Portfolio 2021 - 2023  
Docket No. NG20-011

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. herewith electronically submits the following comments related to the Thermostat – Tier 1 rebate approved in Docket No. NG20-011. In the initial filing dated October 29, 2020, the Company identified there was no change to the Thermostat – Tier 1 rebate program. Specifically, on Exhibit 1 page 2, the Thermostat program is explained as follows: “...The Tier 1 program is available to new construction and existing dwellings installing an Energy Star rated programmable thermostat...” Subsequent to this filing, in Data Request Set 1, the Company responded to Staff’s request 1-2 b as follows: “Tier 1 programmable thermostats are considered the baseline efficiency for new construction and would not be eligible for rebates for new construction. Tier 1 programmable thermostat rebates are available for customers who plan to replace their existing thermostat...” The Company would like to clarify and express the Thermostat – Tier 1 program did, in fact, have a change in that it is no longer offered to new construction customers. The wording as submitted in the initial filing was an oversight and the response to Data Request 1-2 b intended to clarify and correct this oversight. The Company plans to administer the program for the 2021 – 2023 period as approved by the Commission’s Order dated December 29, 2020 with the clarification identified in the data response.

The Company has discussed the clarification with Staff and Staff has acknowledged and agrees with the correction and clarification noted above.

Please contact me at 701-222-7855 with any questions.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Travis R. Jacobson*

Mr. Travis R. Jacobson  
Director of Regulatory Affairs