

Docket Number: NG22-011
Subject Matter: First Data Request
Request to: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota or Company)
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: December 15, 2022
Responses Due: January 5, 2023

- 1-1. Refer to the projected number of customers on Attachment C, page 1.
- a) How many of these potential customers have committed to building in the new development?
 - b) How many potential customers have expressed interest in natural gas service?
 - c) For any customers that have expressed interest in natural gas service, has the surcharge been discussed? If so, were potential customers' reactions favorable?
 - d) Has the surcharge been discussed with the developer of the Ridge development so it can be communicated to potential customers?

Response:

- a) Montana-Dakota currently has commitments for 93 residential apartment units, a clubhouse, a fire station, 26 residential townhome units, and a single large commercial customer.
- b) The majority of the lots within The Ridge are still owned by the developer. The developer anticipates that the homes built on the lots within the development will have natural gas service. Historically, when natural gas is available in a new development, Montana-Dakota sees an adoption rate of 98% or more.
- c) At this time, Montana-Dakota has only worked with The Ridge developer and the single large commercial customer. As indicated in b) above, the developer still owns the majority of the lots within The Ridge development and therefore there aren't other customers to discuss the surcharge.
- d) The surcharge has been discussed with the developer of The Ridge and the developer is supportive of the surcharge.