

Docket Number: NG23-012  
Subject Matter: Staff's Data Request 1  
Request to: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co (MDU)  
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff  
Date of Request: 05/31/23  
Responses Due: 05/31/23

1.1 Please explain the circumstances that have led to the request for an extension of time beyond the test period to file an application for increase in its gas rates.

**Response:**

Montana-Dakota had planned to file an application for an increase in rates on or before June 30, 2023. However, the processing of two electric rate cases in North Dakota and Montana ran longer than expected, combined with an unplanned filing which became necessary caused our department to be overburdened in the short term. The North Dakota statutory filing timeline is seven months; however, the Commission's workload during the legislative session caused that schedule to extend beyond one year.

Given the increase in the department's workload, Company was unable to properly complete the necessary work to file the application by June 30, 2023.