

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION STAFF
NINTH DATA REQUEST
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- 9-41 Referring to Statement H and MDU's response to DR 3-8,
- a) Please justify the increased expenses in account 887 that have occurred since 2008.
 - b) Please provide Black Hills and East River expenses to account 887 for the year ending June 30, 2013.

Response:

- a) The increased expenses in account 887 have been due to an increase in leak repairs during this time. In addition, starting in 2011, contractors were used for leak surveying and line locating.
- b) Please see table below.

<u>Black Hills</u>	<u>East River</u>	<u>Total SD</u>
\$79,513	\$3,287	\$82,800