

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.  
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION STAFF  
FIRST DATA REQUEST  
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**1-17 Describe the extent to which the portfolio provides opportunities for all ratepayers.**

**Response:**

The programs provide opportunities for all firm (residential and firm general service) customers to directly participate and reduce their energy consumption, thereby reducing their bills. All firm customers benefit from the reduction in demand, which reduces the need for pipeline capacity that would otherwise be required.