

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. NG14-007
DATA REQUEST
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Question 9: If participation is greater than anticipated, please explain how the Company intends to avoid overspending.

Response:

The company will internally monitor the program expenditures at the measure and portfolio level on a monthly basis. As participation or participation trends develop that show the portfolio will exceed projections Montana-Dakota will either formally request an increase of the portfolio budget from the Commission (subsequent to discussions with Commission Staff) or close the programs for the remainder of the program year.