

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF the Application of ) REGULATORY DIVISION  
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., )  
A Division of MDU Resources Group, ) DOCKET NO. D2012.9.100  
Inc., for Authority to Establish Increased )  
Rates for Natural Gas Service )

**DATA REQUESTS OF THE MONTANA CONSUMER COUNSEL**

**MCC-162** RE: Accumulated DIT Balance  
WITNESS: Mulkern

Provide the accumulated DIT balance on the new Customer Care and Billing system that is included in the pro forma rate base.

**MCC-163** RE: Rate 71  
WITNESS: Mulkern

For Rate 71, what is the difference between the number of bills of 9 and the number of customers on MCC-007, Attachment A of 13 as of December 31, 2011?

**MCC-164** RE: Adjustment No. 7, Statement G, page 5  
WITNESS: Jones

Given your direct testimony at page 6, lines 13-18, what is causing the large increase in post-retirement costs?

**MCC-165** RE: Post-retirement Benefits  
WITNESS: Jones

Provide the study supporting the post-retirement benefits on Statement Workpapers, page G-46.

**MCC-166** RE: Allocation to Gas  
WITNESS: Mulkern

Regarding Statement Workpapers, Statement E, pages E-6 – E-12, what caused the changes in the allocation to gas between 2011 and 2012?

**MCC-167** RE: Quarterly Fees  
WITNESS: Mulkern

Regarding Statement Workpapers, Statement E, page E-4, what makes up the quarterly fees?

**MCC-168** RE: All Risk Premium  
WITNESS: Mulkern

Regarding Statement Workpapers, Statement E, pages E-8 and E- 12, what caused the increase in the All Risk premium from 2011 to 2012?

**MCC-169** RE: Statement J, Page 8  
WITNESS: Mulkern

Provide the detail of CWIP not in service for Montana gas.

**MCC-170** RE: Materials and Supplies  
WITNESS: Mulkern

Regarding Statement E, page 1 and MCC-058, why have materials and supplies increased?

**MCC-171** RE: Pension and Benefit Balances  
WITNESS: Mulkern

What caused the sustained increase in pension and benefit balances in March 2012?

**MCC-172** RE: Response to MCC-064, Attachment A  
WITNESS: Mulkern

Reconcile Attachment A to Statement E, page 6.

**MCC-173** RE: Transmission Level Service  
WITNESS: Aberle

For each large transmission level customer served by MDU, please provide the following information:

- a. Customer's name and location.
- b. Firm DK annual throughput quantity included in Statement L.
- c. Interruptible DK annual throughput quantity included in Statement L.
- d. Firm 1-day peak DK quantity included in Statement L.
- e. Interruptible DK quantity actually delivered in MDU's peak day on the test year.

**MCC-174** RE: Statement L - COSS  
WITNESS: Aberle

In reference to Workpaper “Peak Day Deliveries – Factor Nos. 2&5,” included in the Cost of Service Study worksheet and provided in response to MCC-100:

- a. Please provide the Regression Analysis supporting normalized volumes referred to in note 1 as the source of i) Use of Degree Day per customer, ii) Daily Baseload per customer, and iii) Pro Forma Customers January 2011; and if appropriate, please provide your response according to the revision stated in your response to MCC-106.
- b. In addition to a working electronic copy of the regression analysis requested above, please provide all supporting data and workpapers.
- c. Please provide all data and supporting documents for the value of Peak 1/31/2011 Sales as stated in note 2 of the referenced workpaper, including the revision stated in your response to MCC-106.
- d. Please provide all supporting data and workpapers for the Peak Transmission - Residential, Firm General (Small and Large) customers – as shown in the referenced workpaper.