MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION STAFF
FIRST DATA REQUEST
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1-5 Where is MDU's current program year plan budget? Has MDU seen continued growth/interest in its gas conservation portfolio to continue the increased budgets?

Response:

Montana-Dakota has spent approximately 70% of the authorized budget for 2017 through November 30, 2017. Based on December rebate applications paid in previous years, Montana-Dakota expects to spend approximately 80% of budgeted amounts. Each of the energy efficiency programs is on track to achieve between 85-100% of projected participation, except for energy audits that is expected to be approximately 60% of the budget in 2017. Advertising and outreach costs are tracking at approximately 25% of budget and a reduction in advertising and outreach budgeted amounts is reflected in the proposed 2018-2020 portfolio.