



**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Universal System Benefits Program Overview
2015**

Montana-Dakota's electric Universal System Benefits programs are used primarily to fund low income programs providing assistance to Montana-Dakota's customers located in Eastern Montana.

Montana-Dakota collected \$1,066,099.06 in funds from all customers in calendar year 2015. Of that total amount \$308,807.21 was collected from the large customer group defined as customers with electric billing demands of 1,000 kW or higher. This represented an increase of \$9,935.41 over total dollars collected in 2014 with the large customer group revenues representing an increase of \$21,173.02 over 2014 large customer group revenues collected.

The 2015 portfolio of programs was unchanged from 2014. Approximately 78 percent of the dollars collected, excluding large customer dollars, funded low-income programs. The programs include a low-income discount applicable to customers qualifying for Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), weatherization, energy audits, furnace safety and bill assistance. The programs are administered by Energy Share of Montana, Action for Eastern Montana and HRDC District 7. The remaining dollars spent funded program promotion and energy conservation programs.

An unexpended balance of \$194,959.11 was remitted to the Department of Revenue in accordance with 69-8-402 (MCA). \$31,769.46 of this amount represented dollars collected from the large customer group that were not claimed by those customers.

Montana-Dakota's 2015 Report remitted to the Department of Revenue does require a revision to reflect a change in the amount claimed by a large customer that was submitted on timely basis but not correctly reflected in the Report. This change in the amount claimed affects the carryforward reported on page 4 of the report. The 2015 claim was in the amount of \$226,897.45 resulting in a revised carryforward amount of claims of \$240,616.25. The amount paid to the customer or the amount remitted to the Department of Revenue did not change.