



MONTANA-DAKOTA

UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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April 18, 2006

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Re: Fuel Clause Adjustment
Docket No. EL06-

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith respectfully files an original and two (2) copies of a fuel adjustment, statement attached hereto, in accordance with its Fuel Clause Rate 58. The attached statement shows the following:

Cost/Kwh - 3 months ended March 31, 2006	\$.013751
Base Cost/Kwh Included in Current Rate	\$ <u>.014704</u>
Increase/(Decrease) from Base Cost	(\$.000953)
 Net Billing Adjustment after 90% Provision	 (\$.000858)

Montana-Dakota will, unless the Commission otherwise orders, apply the (.0858) cents per Kwh to all bills rendered during the month of May 2006. This is a decrease of .1496 cents from the April level.

Please acknowledge receipt by stamping or initialing the duplicate copy of this letter attached hereto and returning the same in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Ball
Vice President – Regulatory Affairs