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January 26, 2007

Honorable James W. Anderson
Judge of the Circuit Court
Sixth Judicial Circuit
P. O. Box 1238
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: In the Matter of the Petition for Designation of Montana
Dakota Utilities Co. as Electric Service Provider for the
New North Central Farmers Elevator Location in Bowdle,
South Dakota, as Large Load Customer
Docket Number 06-372

Dear Judge Anderson:

I represent North Central Farmers Elevator of Ipswich, South Dakota.

I recently received a Notice of Hearing set for January 31, 2007, in connection with the
above matter.

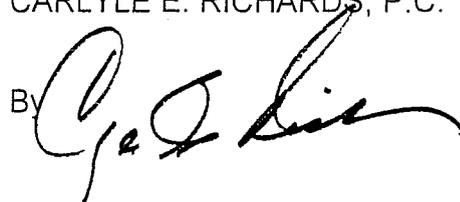
North Central Farmers Elevator's position in this matter is identical to that of FEM
Electric Association, Inc., represented by Darla Pollman Rogers.

Because of a conflict, I cannot attend the hearing on January 31, 2007. However,
please be advised that North Central Farmers Elevator joins in the arguments
presented and relief requested by FEM Electric Association represented by Ms. Rogers.

Very truly yours,

CARLYLE E. RICHARDS, P.C.

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