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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SUPERIOR RENEWABLE ENERGY
LLC ET AL AGAINST MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. REGARDING
THE JAVA WIND PROJECT

Docket EL04-016

Our file: ~~0053~~0069

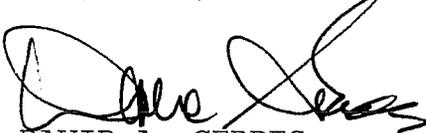
Dear Pam:

Enclosed are original and ten copies of a petition to intervene in
the above-entitled docket, which please file.

With a copy of this letter, I am serving copies of the petition
upon the service list. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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UTILITIES COMMISSION

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. ("Montana-Dakota"), a division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., by its undersigned counsel petitions the Commission as follows:

1. Montana-Dakota is a regulated public utility doing business in South Dakota under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

2. Superior Renewable Energy LLC ("Superior") has filed a petition in this docket requesting the Commission to order Montana-Dakota to file with the Commission and disclose to Superior certain information, hold a hearing, grant Superior such relief as is necessary for it to obtain a power purchase agreement with Montana-Dakota, and award terms. The relief requested in the petition would have a direct, immediate and potentially adverse impact upon the ability of Montana-Dakota to do business in South Dakota and effectively serve its customers. Montana-Dakota has a direct financial interest in the outcome of this proceeding and should be heard as a party to the proceeding.

WHEREFORE Montana-Dakota prays that the Commission permit its intervention and participation in this proceeding to examine and cross-examine witnesses, to offer evidence on its own behalf and to request relief appropriate to the facts and law governing this matter.

Dated this 27th day of May, 2004.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

David A. Gerdes of May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP hereby certifies that on the 27th day of May, 2004, he mailed by United States mail, first class postage thereon prepaid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing in the above-captioned action to the following at their last known addresses, to-wit:

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