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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: **MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES; COMMISSION IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW
PURPA STANDARDS**
Docket No: EL06-018
Our file: 0185

Dear Patty:

Enclosed are the original and ten copies of a Petition for intervention of Montana-Dakota in the captioned docket. Please file the enclosures.

With a copy of this letter, I am mailing to the service list a copy this intervention petition. Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

MAY, ADAM, GERDES & THOMPSON LLP

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSIDERATION) EL06-018
OF THE NEW PURPA STANDARDS AS SET)
FORTH IN THE ENERGY POLICY ACT OF) **MONTANA-DAKOTA'S**
2005) **PETITION TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. ("Montana-Dakota") and petitions the Commission to intervene in the captioned docket, as follows:

1. Montana-Dakota is a public utility doing business in the State of South Dakota under SDCL Ch. 49-34A. As such, it is a rate regulated investor owned utility as described in the Commission's order of July 31, 2006, in this docket.

2. Montana-Dakota has an interest in this proceeding such that by the outcome of the proceeding Montana-Dakota will be bound and affected either favorably or adversely with respect to an interest peculiar to Montana-Dakota as distinguished from an interest common to the public or to the taxpayers in general. Specifically, Montana-Dakota has an interest in the adoption and implementation of the new PURPA Standards under the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Thus, Montana-Dakota should be permitted to intervene and participate fully as a party in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE Montana-Dakota prays that the Commission grant its petition to appear as a party in this proceeding.

Dated this 15th day of August, 2006.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

David A. Gerdes of May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP hereby certifies that on the 15th day of August, 2006, 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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