



MONTANA-DAKOTA

UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

400 North Fourth Street
Bismarck, ND 58501
(701) 222-7900

December 22, 2008

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

Re: PURPA Standards
Docket No. EL08-028

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Montana-Dakota) herewith electronically files its Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Order issued on December 16, 2008 in Docket No. EL08-028. In its Order, the Commission required interested entities to file their Petition to Intervene by December 31, 2008.

Please refer all inquires regarding this filing to:

Ms. Tamie A. Aberle
Pricing & Tariff Manager
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
400 North Fourth Street
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Montana-Dakota respectfully requests that this filing be accepted as being in full compliance with the filing requirements of this Commission.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Ball
Vice President-Regulatory Affairs

Attachment
cc: D. Gerdes

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

In the Matter of the Consideration of the)	Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s
new PURPA Standards)	Petition to Intervene
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)	Docket No. EL08-028

COMES NOW Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. ("Montana-Dakota") and hereby petitions the Public Utilities Commission to grant Montana-Dakota party status for intervention in the proceeding. In support of its Petition, Montana-Dakota states as follows:

1. The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA) was signed into law December 19, 2007. The amendments to PURPA in EISA 2007 added four new federal standards regarding integrated resource planning, rate design modification to promote energy efficiency investments, consideration of smart grid investments, and smart grid information.
2. The Commission has opened the above captioned docket to consider the new PURPA standards.
3. As an investor-owned, rate-regulated, public utility serving electric customers in South Dakota, Montana-Dakota as an affected utility is subject to standards under the new PURPA amendments. Montana-Dakota requests intervention in order to participate fully as a party in this matter.
4. The interests of Montana-Dakota are unique and cannot be fully and adequately represented by the existing parties, and Montana-Dakota and its stakeholders and customers may be directly affected by the issues raised in this proceeding and its outcome.

WHEREFORE Montana-Dakota respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition to appear as a party in this proceeding.

DATED this 22nd day of December, 2008

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
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By: 

Donald R. Ball
Vice President – Regulatory Affairs

Of Counsel:

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January 5, 2009

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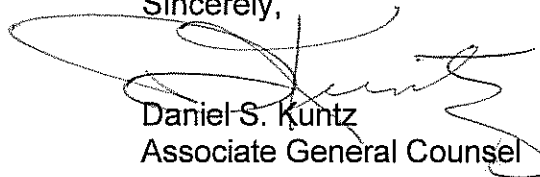
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Please refer all inquiries regarding this filing to:

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Sincerely,



Daniel S. Kuntz
Associate General Counsel

Attachments

cc: D. Gerdes
D. Ball

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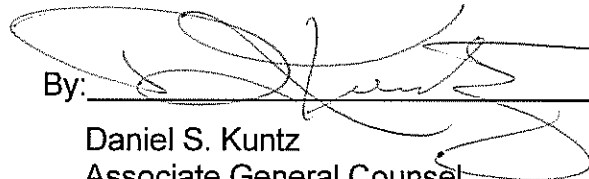
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DATED this 5th day of January, 2009

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
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