

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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

Docket No. EL11-014 Re:

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On June 13, 2011 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group Inc., submitted updates to its Occasional Power Purchase Rate 95, Short-Term Power Purchase Rate 96 and Long-Term Power Purchase Rate 97 for Commission approval to reflect avoided costs for 2011-2012.

Montana-Dakota has been working with South Dakota Commission Staff regarding this filing and in responding to Staff's questions an error in the general tax rate utilized to calculate capacity payments applicable under Rate 96 and Rate 97 was discovered. The correction of this error caused the capacity payment under Rate 96 to change from \$8.959 to \$8.837 per Kw and the proposed capacity payment under Rate 97 changed from \$23,786 to \$23,424 per Kw. Montana-Dakota is also revising the statement regarding energy sales to qualifying facilities to clarify that the customer will be charged the residential, small or large general service rate as applicable.

Montana-Dakota is submitting the following tariff sheets to reflect the corrections noted above:

- 26th Revised Sheet No. 29
- 26th Revised Sheet No. 30
- 17th Revised Sheet No. 30.1

The Revised Attachment A Pages 1-8 reflecting the corrections note above is attached hereto.

This filing has been electronically submitted to the Commission in accordance with ARSD 20:10:01:02:05.

Sincerely,

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Tamie A. Aberle **Regulatory Affairs Manager**

Attachments