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

> Re: Meter Data and Privacy Policy Rate 140 EL17-___

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group Inc. (Montana-Dakota), herewith requests approval of a Meter Data and Privacy Policy Tariff designated as Rate 140 for its Electric utility.

The proposed Rate Schedule 140 provides Montana-Dakota's customers with a reference of Montana-Dakota's policy and practices regarding protection of customer data and assures customers that Montana-Dakota understands the importance of protecting meter data and the privacy of all information provided by its customers. Montana Dakota collects information about customers to provide utility service; to provide other services for safety reasons; to detect and prevent unauthorized use of utility services; to prevent fraud; and to meet legal and regulatory requirements through normal business practices. Attached as Exhibit A are the following proposed clean and redlined tariff sheets for which Montana-Dakota requests approval:

- Electric Volume No. 2 Section No. 1, 1st Revised Sheet No. 1.1 is the updated Table of Contents to reflect the requested tariff additions in this filing and
- Electric Volume No. 2 Section No. 5, Original Sheet Nos.16-16.2, Meter Data and Privacy Policy, Rate 140.

In accordance with the Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD), 20:10:13:39 (6), it is noted that the proposed tariff may potentially affect 8,569 South Dakota electric customers. Exhibit B is the South Dakota "Report of Tariff Schedule Change " form required pursuant to ARSD 20:10:13:26.

The Company will comply with ARSD 20:10:13:18 by posting a Notice of the proposed change in tariff, as shown on Exhibit C, in each of its business offices affected by the proposed change.

Please refer all inquiries regarding this filing to:

Ms. Tamie A. Aberle Director of Regulatory Affairs Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. 400 North Fourth Street Bismarck, ND 58501

Also, please send copies of all written inquiries, correspondence and pleadings to:

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All of the materials included in this Application will be available for public inspection at each of Montana-Dakota's business offices.

Montana-Dakota respectfully request that this filing be accepted as being in full compliance with the filing requirements of this Commission.

Sincerely,

Tamie A. Aberle Director of Regulatory Affairs

Attachments cc: B. Koenecke