

Exhibit A



SERVICE FOR
 GETTYSBURG, SD 57442-1412
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 DATE DUE
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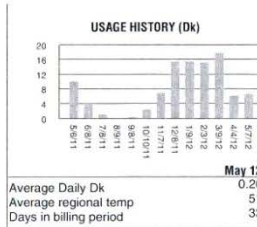
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 83707-1608. Please include your account
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Gas Charges

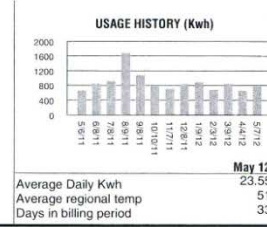
BILLING PERIOD DAYS
 4/5/12 - 5/7/12 33
METER NUMBER
 012799675
METER READ DATE
 5/7/12
 Next scheduled read 6/6/12
RATE
 66 - Residential Gas



CURRENT READING	PREVIOUS READING	DIFFERENCE	THERM FACTOR	Dk USED
661.4	654.6	= 6.8	x 0.968413	= 6.6
Basic Service Charge 33 Days x \$0.15				
Distribution Delivery 6.6 Dk x \$2.915				
Cost of Gas 5.2 Dk x \$3.956				
Cost of Gas 1.4 Dk x \$3.386				
CTA 6.6 Dk x \$0.049				
State Tax 4% x \$49.82				
City Tax 2% x \$49.82				
Total Charges				\$52.81

Electric Charges

BILLING PERIOD DAYS
 4/5/12 - 5/7/12 33
METER NUMBER
 011278286
METER READ DATE
 5/7/12
 Next scheduled read 6/6/12
RATE
 10 - Residential Electric



CURRENT READING	PREVIOUS READING	TOTAL USED
59037	58260	= 777 Kwh
Base Rate		
Energy 450 Kwh x \$0.0921		
Energy 300 Kwh x \$0.08504		
Energy 27 Kwh x \$0.06964		
Fuel Cost Adj 612 Kwh x \$0.005993		
Fuel Cost Adj 165 Kwh x \$0.004318		
State Tax 4% x \$79.22		
City Tax 2% x \$79.22		
Total Charges		\$83.97

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Pay By Phone or Online: We accept payments through Western Union® Speedpay®, a third-party service provider. You will find the Speedpay link on our website or simply call toll-free 1-866-263-5185 and follow the prompts. Payments can be made 24/7 using your credit card, debit card or electronic transfer from a checking, money market or savings account. You will need your utility account number (available on your bill) to process your payment. Western Union® Speedpay® charges a \$3.95 convenience fee per transaction for this service.

Payment Locations: Pay by cash, check or money order at one of our payment locations;

there is no charge for this service. Call Customer Service or visit our website for the nearest payment location. Payments made at a payment location are not credited to your account until they are received by Montana-Dakota Utilities.

By Mail: Mail your payment to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., P.O. Box 5600, Bismarck, ND 58506-5600. Be sure to allow time for mailing so your payment is received by the due date.

Balanced Billing: This billing plan levels out your monthly bill so you can reduce fluctuations brought on by changes in the weather and the cost of energy. To enroll, complete the Balance Billing form located on our website or contact Customer Service at 1-800-638-3278.

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- ND PSC: Write to 600 E. Boulevard, Bismarck, ND 58505-0480
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- WY PSC: Write to 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300 Cheyenne, WY 82002

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When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us to use information from your check either to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer (EFT), funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day we receive your payment. The transaction will appear on your bank statement as EFT and you will not receive a copy or an image of your check from your financial institution.

Payments marked with a restrictive legend (Paid in Full, for example) will not act as an accord and satisfaction without our express prior written approval.

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Account No. _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

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**State of South Dakota
 Gas Rate Schedule – SDPUC Volume No. 2**

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 1st Revised Sheet No. 4
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STANDARD CUSTOMER BILL



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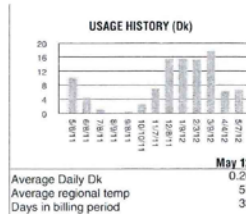


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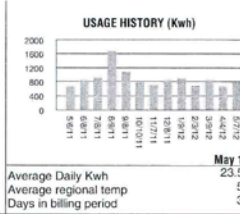
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