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UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Ms. Pamela Bonrud
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities
Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment
July 2005

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Pursuant to South Dakota Codified Laws Chapter 49-34A-12, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., requests waiver of the following Administrative Rules in the above referenced filing submitted June 10, 2005: the 30 days notice to the Commission required by ARSD 20:10:13:15, the 30 days notice to the public required by ARSD 20:10:13:17 and a notice of the change 30 days before the effective date of the change required by ARSD 20:10:13:18. This request is being made to effectuate the out-of-cycle surcharge adjustment requested with the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment to be effective July 1, 2005.

Please acknowledge receipt by stamping or initialing the duplicate copy of this letter attached hereto and returning the same in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Ball
Assistant Vice President –
Regulatory Affairs

Attachments
c: D. Kuntz
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