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RE: NG 12-008
Montana Dakota 2012 Gas Rate Case
Our File:0069

Dear Mrs. VanGerpen:

On behalf of Montana Dakota Utilities, we report that the recent negotiations with staff regarding the above referenced case have been fruitful. We are currently working on a stipulation to present to the Commission for its consideration. Today is our deadline for submitting rebuttal testimony. We are not planning to do so at this time and will work towards putting the settlement in place for the Commission to consider. We do not waive our rebuttal testimony however; in the event that settlement falls through, we will provide that to the Commission for its consideration. We thank you for your consideration and hope to resolve this docket in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

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