## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

| IN THE MATTER OF THE          | ) |                       |
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| APPLICATION OF SOUTH DAKOTA   | ) | NG17-009              |
| INTRASTATE PIPELINE COMPANY   | ) |                       |
| FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS | ) |                       |
| NATURAL GAS RATES             | ) | PETITION TO INTERVENE |

Montana-Dakota Utilities hereby petitions the Commission for an Order granting intervention in the above captioned proceeding. In support of its Petition, Montana-Dakota states as follows:

- On June 13, 2017 the Commission issued an Order to Clarify Docket Procedure that stated the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and an intervention deadline of July 31, 2017 in this docket.
- 2. Montana-Dakota has a contract with SDIP for delivery of natural gas to Montana-Dakota's distribution system, which is set to expire in the near future. The rates derived through this rate case proceeding will have impacts starting next year.
- 3. Montana-Dakota is thought to be the only direct customer of SDIP and the costs of SDIP service to Montana-Dakota are completely passed through to Montana-Dakota's customers.
- 4. The interests of Montana-Dakota are unique and cannot be fully and adequately represented by the existing parties.
- 5. Montana-Dakota seeks to add Brett Koenecke, Karl Liepitz and Tamie Aberle to the service list.

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WHEREFORE Montana-Dakota respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Petition to Intervene and authorize Montana-Dakota to participate in this proceeding with full rights as a formal party.

Dated this 27 day of June, 2017.

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