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Dear Kara:

SDIP has agreed to furnish the pipeline manuals requested by MDU, namely the Operations and Maintenance Manual and its Safety Manual on condition that MDU agrees to keep them confidential, and agrees to furnish SDIP with its Pipeline and Distribution System Manuals in the areas of operation and maintenance and safety. It is my understanding that MDU is willing to observe the confidentiality request but not the exchange of similar manuals from MDU governing pipeline distribution and system operations and safety.

SDIP is requesting the discovery from MDU because SDIP feels that MDU's manuals are as relevant to this inquiry as SDIP's, since the actual fire and incident occurred in the distribution side on MDU's property in Pierre.

This has been communicated to MDU who has refused to agree to any reciprocal exchange and has insisted that their manuals are not relevant since the "incident" allegedly occurred on SDIP's side of the facility. It is SDIP's opinion that this was an distribution system "incident" not a pipeline "incident".

Call if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

/s/Jim Robbennolt
Jim Robbennolt