

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING)	PS10-002
BY COMMISSION PIPELINE SAFETY)	
STAFF REGARDING DAMAGE)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
PREVENTION PROGRAMS)	

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (“Montana-Dakota”) hereby petitions the Commission to intervene with party status in the above-captioned matter, as follows:

1. The Commission has opened the captioned docket at the request of Commission Staff to address perceived deficiencies identified by the Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (“PHMSA”) relating to this State’s damage prevention programs. Commission staff seeks to hire experts and expend Federal funds to identify stakeholders, collect information, analyze data and implement improvements in existing damage prevention programs.

2. Montana-Dakota is an investor-owned regulated public utility serving gas customers in South Dakota which operates a natural gas utility as a part of its regulated business. Montana-Dakota and its business interests will likely be affected by conclusions reached and programs implemented as a result of the program proposed by Staff.

3. Montana-Dakota cannot be fully and adequately represented by the existing parties in the docket, and the Company’s operational and business interests will likely be affected by the issues raised in this docket, together with its outcome.

4. In addition to the undersigned, pleadings and other filings in this docket should be served upon the following:

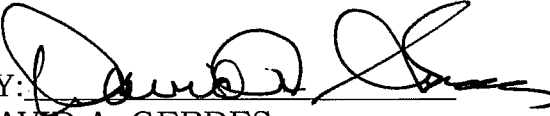
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WHEREFORE, Montana-Dakota prays that the Commission grant this Petition for Intervention as a party.

Respectfully submitted this 22^d day of June, 2010.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

David A. Gerdes of May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP hereby certifies that on the 22^d day of June, 2010, he served electronically a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned action to the following at their last known addresses, to-wit:

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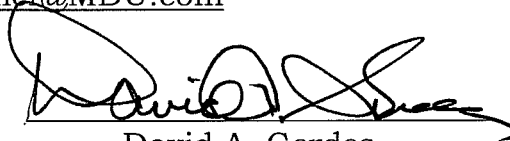
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