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March 16, 2012

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities  
Commission  
State Capitol Building  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: In the Matter of the Filing by  
Commission Pipeline Safety Staff  
regarding an Inspector Incident  
Investigation on Montana-Dakota  
Utilities Co.'s System  
Docket No. PS12-001

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith submits the report of Ron Blum, Gas Superintendent for Montana-Dakota's Black Hills South Dakota operating region, regarding the Company's investigation of the Spearfish Walmart incident that occurred on February 10, 2012.

As noted in the report, Montana-Dakota concludes that the root cause of the incident was a large uncontrolled vehicle striking a well protected meter set and that because of the unique and isolated nature of this cause, no change to the Company's vehicle protection standards and practices relating to meter sets is warranted.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Tamie A. Aberle*

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