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December 22, 2005

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol Building  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: Fuel Clause Adjustment  
Docket No. EL05-

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith respectfully files an original and two (2) copies of a fuel adjustment, statement attached hereto, in accordance with its Fuel Clause Rate 58. The attached statement shows the following:

Cost/Kwh - 3 months ended November 30, 2005	\$ .015169
Base Cost/Kwh Included in Current Rate	\$ <u>.014704</u>
Increase/(Decrease) from Base Cost	\$ <u>.000465</u>
 Net Billing Adjustment after 90% Provision	 \$ .000419

Montana-Dakota will, unless the Commission otherwise orders, apply the (.0419) cents per Kwh to all bills rendered during the month of January 2006. This is an increase of .1533 cents from the December level.

Please acknowledge receipt by stamping or initialing the duplicate copy of this letter attached hereto and returning the same in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Donald R. Ball'.

Donald R. Ball  
Assistant Vice-President –  
Regulatory Affairs