



MONTANA-DAKOTA
UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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. EL06-

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 January 31, 2006	\$.016062
Base Cost/Kwh Included in Current Rate	\$ <u>.014704</u>
Increase/(Decrease) from Base Cost	\$.001358
Net Billing Adjustment after 90% Provision	\$.001222

Montana-Dakota will, unless the Commission otherwise orders, apply the .1222 cents per Kwh to all bills rendered during the month of March 2006. This is a decrease of .1436 cents from the February 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,

Rita A. Mulkern
Regulatory Analysis Manager