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April 15, 2021

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

Re: Cold Weather Event
Docket No. GE21-001

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

The region served by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) experienced an extensive cold weather event in February 2021 resulting in unprecedented natural gas pricing which subsequently effected electric prices. Fortunately, Montana-Dakota's electric customers will see very little impact from the elevated pricing event.

Montana-Dakota operates in two Regional Transmission Organizations (RTO's), MISO and SPP. Due to differing business transactions in the RTO's, the Company experienced a price increase in MISO that was offset by a payment from SPP. Because of these offsetting transactions, the Company does not believe a modification of the Rate 58 tariff, Section 4 – Surcharge Adjustment, is necessary.

Due to the timing of the invoices received from SPP and MISO, MISO's price increase was recorded in February 2021 and the SPP payment was recorded in March 2021. As shown below, when the impact of February and March 2021 are combined, the net impact of the February cold weather even is negligible.

Date	Cost per Kwh
Feb-21	\$ 0.04020
Mar-21	0.00253
Weighted Average	\$ 0.02062
Oct 20-Jan 21 Weighted Ave	\$ 0.02300

In summary, Montana-Dakota did not experience a significant financial impact related to its electric operations in South Dakota and does not consider mitigation efforts are necessary at this time.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (701) 222-7855 or Travis.Jacobson@mdu.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Travis R. Jacobson

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