



MONTANA-DAKOTA
UTILITIES CO.
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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August 5, 2004

Ms. Pamela Bonrud
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities
Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re: Contract with Deviation
Merillat Corporation
Docket No. NG04-___

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith submits for Commission approval Section No. 4, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 1 (Exhibit A) and the underlying Amendment No. 1 dated July 28, 2004 to the current Agreement between Montana-Dakota and Merillat Corporation (Merillat). The existing agreement with Merillat effective on November 1, 2003 pursuant to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's Order issued on October 28, 2003 (Docket No. NG03-005) will expire on October 31, 2004. The attached Amendment No. 1 provides for service to continue to Merillat for a one-year period ending October 31, 2005 under the terms of the original contract.

Merillat is a large volume, high load factor customer, and it is in the best interest of the other customers for Montana-Dakota to continue the agreement which will satisfy Merillat's request for firm sales gas service at a competitive price that allows Montana-Dakota to continue to provide natural gas service to this facility.

The existing firm customers will continue to benefit under this through Merillat's contribution toward transmission pipeline demand costs and distribution cost recovery, which would not exist if Merillat were to utilize an alternate fuel.

The Company requests waiver of the 30 days notice to the Commission required by ARSD 20:10:13:15 and 30 days notice to the public required by ASRD 20:10:13:17.

Attached as Exhibit C is the South Dakota "Report of Tariff Schedule Change" form required pursuant to ARSD 20:10:13:26.

Included herein is a second set of the affected tariffs on which Montana-Dakota has indicated the revisions requested by lining through the existing language which the Company proposes to delete and highlighting the new language proposed. Please refer all inquires regarding this filing to:

Mr. Donald R. Ball
Assistant Vice President – Regulatory Affairs
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
400 North Fourth Street
Bismarck, ND 58501

Also, please send copies of all written inquires, correspondence and pleadings to:

Mr. Douglas W. Schulz
Associate General Counsel & Assistant Secretary
MDU Resources Group, Inc.
P. O. Box 5650
Bismarck, ND 58506-5650

The original and ten (10) copies of this Letter of Transmittal and tariffs have been provided to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

Montana-Dakota respectfully requests that this filing be accepted as being in full compliance with the filing requirements of this Commission.

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,



Donald R. Ball
Assistant Vice President-
Regulatory Affairs

Attachments
cc: D. Schulz

EXHIBIT A



Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
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**State of South Dakota
Gas Rate Schedule – SDPUC Volume No. 2**

Section No. 4
2nd Revised Sheet No. 1
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LIST OF GAS CONTRACTS WITH DEVIATIONS

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Date Filed: August 6, 2004

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Assistant Vice President
Regulatory Affairs

Docket No.:

Tariffs Reflecting Proposed
Changes



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ATTACHMENT
AMENDMENT NO. 1
FIRM GAS SERVICE AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDMENT to FIRM GAS SERVICE AGREEMENT, made in duplicate this 28 day of July, 2004, by and between MERILLAT CORPORATION located in Rapid City, SD, hereinafter referred to as "Customer", and MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., a division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., 400 North Fourth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota, hereinafter referred to as "Company",

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, as of October 2, 2003 Customer and Company entered into a Firm Gas Service Agreement whereby Company undertook to provide firm natural gas service to Customer's facility in Rapid City, SD and,

WHEREAS, said Agreement and its Exhibit was to remain in effect for a period of one (1) year from the November 1, 2003 date of commencement of said Agreement and,

WHEREAS, Customer and Company now mutually desire to modify said Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained in said Agreement and its Exhibit and herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. To delete section 2 of Firm Gas Service Agreement in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof a new section 2 to read as follows:

"2. TERM: Deliveries and charges shall commence on November 1, 2004 and expire on October 31, 2005, unless amended by the parties in writing."

2. All remaining terms and conditions of Firm Gas Service Agreement, except as specifically amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

MERILLAT CORPORATION

By: Richard Kruhl

Title: Plant Manager

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.,
A division of MDU Resources Group Inc.

By: David L. Goodin

David L. Goodin
Vice President of Operations

Report of Tariff Schedule Change

NAME OF UTILITY: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
 ADDRESS: 400 North Fourth Street
 Bismarck, ND 58501

Section No.	Class of Service	New Sheet No.
4	Contracts with Deviations	2nd Revised Sheet No. 1

Change: Service Agreement - term amendment
 (State part of tariff schedule affected by change, such as: Applicability, availability, rates, etc.)

Reason for Change Existing contract expires 10/31/04

Present Rates
 Proposed Rates
 Approximate annual reduction in revenue N/A
 Approximate annual increase in revenue N/A

Points Affected	Estimated Number of Customers Whose Cost of Service will be:					
	Reduced		Increased		Unchanged	
	# of Customers	Amount in \$	# of Customers	Amount in \$	# of Customers	Amount in \$
1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Include Statement of Facts, expert opinions, documents and exhibits supporting the change requested.

Received: _____

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
 (Reporting Utility)

By: _____
 Executive Director
 South Dakota
 Public Utilities Commission

By: Donald R. Ball
 Ass't Vice President- Regulatory Affairs
 (Name and Title)

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
WEEKLY FILINGS
For the Period of August 5, 2004 through August 11, 2004

If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact Delaine Kolbo within five business days of this report. Phone: 605-773-3201

ELECTRIC

EL04-025 In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary Change between Xcel Energy, Inc. and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Sioux Valley Energy.

On August 6, 2004, Sioux Valley Energy filed, for Commission approval, a Service Territory Exchange Agreement between Xcel Energy, Inc. and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. The agreement seeks a modification to the existing service territories of the respective companies allowing each party to better serve present and future customers within the modified territories.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 08/06/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

NATURAL GAS

NG04-006 In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. for Approval of an Amendment to a Contract with Deviation with Merillat Corporation.

Application by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for an amendment to its existing contract with Merillat Corporation which will expire on October 31, 2004. The proposed amendment provides for service to continue to Merillat for a one year period ending October 31, 2005, under the terms of the original contract. MDU has requested approval with less than 30 days notice.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 08/06/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

NG04-007 In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Application by MidAmerican Energy Company for approval of tariff provisions which will make backbilling customers in cases of incorrect billing an option instead of mandatory. MidAmerican has recently discovered a problem with certain electronic meter reading devices which caused customers to be billed for less gas than actually used. MidAmerican proposes to not backbill these customers for the usage not previously billed for.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson

Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 08/09/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC04-164 In the Matter of the Request of Splitrock Properties, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 5, 2004, Splitrock Properties, Inc. (Splitrock) provided information constituting Splitrock's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Splitrock will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/05/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-165 In the Matter of the Request of Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 5, 2004, Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. (Alliance) provided information constituting Alliance's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Alliance will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/05/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-166 In the Matter of the Request of Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 5, 2004, Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company (Northeast) provided information constituting Northeast's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Northeast will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/05/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-167 In the Matter of the Request of City of Brookings Municipal Telephone Department for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 5, 2004, City of Brookings Municipal Telephone (Brookings) provided information constituting Brookings' plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Brookings will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is

consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/05/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-168 In the Matter of the Request of Venture Communications Cooperative for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 5, 2004, Venture Communications Cooperative (Venture) provided information constituting Venture's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Venture will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/05/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-169 In the Matter of the Request of Midstate Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 5, 2004, Midstate Communications, Inc. (Midstate) provided information constituting Midstate's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Midstate will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/05/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-170 In the Matter of the Request of Three River Telco for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 6, 2004, Three River Telco (Three River) provided information constituting Three River's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Three River will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/06/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-171 In the Matter of the Request of Jefferson Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 6, 2004, Jefferson Telephone Company (Jefferson) provided information constituting Jefferson's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Jefferson will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent

with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/06/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-172 In the Matter of the Request of Beresford Municipal Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 6, 2004, Beresford Municipal Telephone Company (Beresford) provided information constituting Beresford's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Beresford will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/06/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-173 In the Matter of the Request of RT Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 6, 2004, RT Communications, Inc. provided information constituting RT Communications' plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that RT Communications will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/06/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-174 In the Matter of the Request of West River Telecommunications Cooperative for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 6, 2004, West River Telecommunications Cooperative (West River) provided information constituting West River's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that West River will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/06/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-175 In the Matter of the Request of West River Telecommunications Cooperative (Mobridge) for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 6, 2004, West River Telecommunications Cooperative (Mobridge) provided information constituting Mobridge's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Mobridge will use all federal universal service support received in a manner

that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/06/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-176 In the Matter of the Request of Mount Rushmore Telephone Company and Fort Randall Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 9, 2004, Mount Rushmore Telephone Company and Fort Randall Telephone Company (the Companies) provided information constituting the Companies' plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that the Companies will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/09/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-177 In the Matter of the Request of Valley Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 9, 2004, Valley Telephone Company (Valley) provided information constituting Valley's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Valley will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/09/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-178 In the Matter of the Request of Red River Telecom, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 9, 2004, Red River Telecom, Inc. (Red River) provided information constituting Red River's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Red River will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/09/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

TC04-179 In the Matter of the Request of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On August 9, 2004, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (CRSTTA) provided

information constituting CRSTTA's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that CRSTTA will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Filed: 08/09/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

**TC04-180 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an
Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Midcontinent
Communications.**

On August 10, 2004, the Commission received a filing for approval of a Resale and Local Switching Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Midcontinent Communications. The parties state that the Amendment adds terms, conditions, and rates for Resale and Local Switching. Any party wishing to comment on the Amendment may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the Amendment no later than August 30, 2004. Parties to the Amendment may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Rolayne Ailts Wiest
Date Filed: 08/10/04
Initial Comments Due: 08/30/04

**TC04-181 In the Matter of the Application of VCI Company for a Certificate of Authority
to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.**

On August 10, 2004, VCI Company filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange, and intra-LATA toll services within the State of South Dakota. Applicant's services include, but are not limited to, basic local exchange services, intraLATA toll and customer calling features. Applicant also intends to provide exchange access services to interconnecting carriers pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions in an access services tariff to be filed with the Commission after Applicant's Certificate of Authority has been issued. Applicant proposes to provide facilities-based local exchange services using Unbundled Network Elements-Platform (UNE-P) leased or purchased from South Dakota certificated facilities-based local exchange carriers. Applicant may further resell the local exchange services of other South Dakota certificated local exchange carriers. Applicant proposes to provide service throughout the area in South Dakota currently served by Qwest Corporation.

Staff Analyst: Christine Hibbeler
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 08/10/04
Intervention Deadline: 08/27/04

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Kolbo, Delaine

From: Jacobson, David
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2004 4:07 PM
To: Kolbo, Delaine
Cc: Cremer, Karen
Subject: CORRECTION FW: NG04-007 effective date

Debbie Kutsunis of MidAmerican has now requested an effective date of 09/01/04 for NG04-007. They filed requesting less than 30 days notice so I don't see a problem. Sorry and thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jacobson, David
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2004 3:29 PM
To: Kolbo, Delaine
Cc: Cremer, Karen
Subject: NG04-006 and 007 effective dates

Just so I don't forget, the effective date of the tariffs for these two dockets will be:

NG04-006 = 11/01/04
And
NG04-007 = 09/09/04 (per the sheets in the filing)

Thanks.

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	ORDER APPROVING
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A)	AMENDMENT TO
DIVISION OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC.)	CONTRACT WITH
FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO A)	DEVIATIONS
CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS WITH)	
MERRILLAT CORPORATION)	NG04-006

On August 6, 2004, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU), requesting approval of its 2nd Revised Sheet No. 1, Section No. 4, of MDU's State of South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule, covering Contracts with Deviations and the underlying amendment to the contract with Merillat Corporation (Merillat) of Rapid City, South Dakota. The proposed amendment would be effective November 1, 2004 through October 31, 2005.

MDU stated that Merillat is a large volume, high load factor customer, and it is in the best interest of the other customers for MDU to continue the agreement which will satisfy Merillat's request for firm sales gas service at a competitive price that allows MDU to continue to provide natural gas service to this facility.

The existing firm customers will continue to benefit under this through Merillat's contribution toward transmission pipeline demand costs and distribution cost recovery, which would not exist if Merillat were to utilize an alternate fuel.

In accordance with ARSD 20:10:13:30, MDU hereby requests that this request be approved by November 1, 2004.

MDU further requests waiver of the 30 days notice to the Commission required by ARSD 20:10:13:15 and 30 days notice to the public required by ARSD 20:10:13:17.

On August 31, 2004, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the amendment to the Contract with Deviations.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11. Further, the Commission finds that MDU's request for approval of an amendment to the Contract with Deviations is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that as of the date of this order the request seeking approval of an amendment to the Contract with Deviations is in the public interest and is hereby granted; and it is further

ORDERED, that a waiver of the notice requirements of ARSD 20:10:13:15 and 20:10:13:17 shall be granted; and it is further

ORDERED, that the above-mentioned tariff is approved and is effective as of November 1, 2004.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of September, 2004.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By:	<u> Melvin Kolbo </u>
Date:	<u> 9/7/04 </u>
 (OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman *rk*

 James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner



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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Ms. Pamela Bonrud
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities
Commission
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500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Amendment to Contract with
Deviations
Docket No. NG04-006

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith submits Section 4 – 2nd Revised Sheet No. 1 from Montana-Dakota's natural gas tariff reflecting an effective date of November 1, 2004 pursuant to the Commission's Order in the above referenced docket dated September 7, 2004 approving the revised tariff sheet.

The original and ten (10) copies of this letter and tariff have been provided to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

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,

Tamie A. Aberle
Pricing and Tariff Manager

Attachment



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