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

> Re: Contract with Deviation Merillat Corporation Docket No. NG07-019

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith 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 in regard to the filing submitted to the Commission on October 2, 2007 requesting approval to continue service to Merillat for a one-year period ending October 31, 2008 under the terms of a contract with deviation set to expire on October 31, 2007.

Montana-Dakota requests this waiver in order for the Commission to take action on this request at its Commission Meeting scheduled for October 23, 2007 in order to provide the opportunity to continue to provide service to the customer under the terms of the agreement, as amended in this filing.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Ball

Vice President-Regulatory Affairs

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cc: D. Gerdes