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

**Re: In the Matter of the Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Authority to Increase its Natural Gas Rates**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) submitted its application for authority to increase its natural gas rates for service in South Dakota on December 21, 2012. The Commission issued its Order for and Notice of Procedural Schedule and Notice of Hearing ("Order") in this matter on May 21, 2013. The Order provided that testimony from Commission Staff (Staff) would be due by September 27, 2013.

The parties have stipulated to one modification to the procedural schedule in order to provide sufficient time for the MDU to respond to data requests from Staff, and for Staff to review the responses prior to filing testimony.

Staff has discussed this matter with MDU and it is our understanding that they support Staff's request to delay the filing of Staff testimony until October 1, 2013.

Sincerely,

Kristen N. Edwards  
Staff Attorney