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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: Interim Rate Refund Compliance Filing
Docket No. NG23-014

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota or Company) herewith electronically submits this Interim Rate Refund Compliance Filing in the above referenced docket.

On March 1, 2024, Montana-Dakota implemented a natural gas interim rate increase of \$7,418,636 on an annual basis pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-17. On September 1, 2024, Montana-Dakota implemented new natural gas service rates reflecting a final overall increase in revenues of \$5,369,333, amounting to \$2,049,303 or 27.624 percent of the interim implemented to be refunded to customers.

Pursuant to the Company's Interim Refund Plan included with the Settlement Stipulation and approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission on August 13, 2024, the Company was to refund the difference to customers within 90 days following the implementation of final rates or no later than November 29, 2024.

As shown on Attachment A, page 1, the Company collected total interim revenues of \$3,039,578 through October 11, 2024. Applying the percent refundable noted earlier to the interim revenue collected results in \$839,653 to be refunded to customers in South Dakota. The calculation of the final refund factor of 28.329 percent, including interest, is shown on Attachment A, page 1. The final amount to be refunded to customers, based on the final refund factor, is \$861,088.

On November 14, 2024, a total of \$857,885 was credited to active customer accounts and checks issued if a customer account was no longer active and the refund was \$5.00 or greater in accordance with the Gas Interim Refund Plan approved. The remaining balance of \$3,203 is the amount associated with inactive customer accounts where the refund was less than \$5.00 and the difference due to rounding. This un-refunded balance will be credited to the Unrecovered Purchased Gas Cost Account in accordance with the Refund Plan. A breakdown of the refund by rate class is shown on Attachment B.

Please contact me at (701) 222-7855 or travis.jacobson@mdu.com if you have any questions regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

/s/ Travis R. Jacobson

Travis R. Jacobson
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Attachments

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