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RE: **MONTANA-DAKOTA NATURAL GAS INCIDENT**  
Docket No: PS08-001  
Our file: 0069

Dear Patty:

Accompanying this letter is a Petition to Intervene. Please file the enclosure.

With a copy of this letter, a copy of the Petition to Intervene is being served upon those indicated on the service list. Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

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Enclosure

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF	)	DOCKET NO. PS08-001
THE INVESTIGATION OF THE NATURAL	)	
GAS INCIDENT OF FEBRUARY 20, 2008,	)	<b>MONTANA-DAKOTA'S</b>
ON MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.'S	)	<b>PETITION TO INTERVENE</b>
SYSTEM IN PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA	)	

COMES NOW Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. ("Montana-Dakota") and petitions for intervention in the captioned docket, as follows:

1. Montana-Dakota is a public utility doing business in the state of South Dakota under SDCL Ch. 49-34A. Petitioner owns and operates a gas distribution system in Pierre and Fort Pierre, South Dakota.

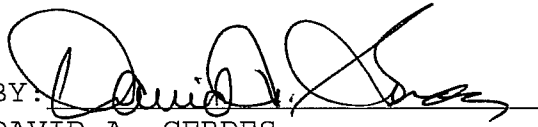
2. Commission Staff has opened a docket to investigate that certain incident which occurred on February 20, 2008, on Airport Road in Pierre, South Dakota, involving gas loss and a fire occurring at the town border station on Montana-Dakota's natural gas distribution system. Montana-Dakota's facilities on or near the area of the gas loss and fire are interconnected with South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Company with which Montana-Dakota has a business arrangement for the transportation of gas to Montana-Dakota's facilities. Montana-Dakota has a direct interest in the conduct of this proceeding and its outcome.

3. Montana-Dakota's interest in this proceeding is such that by the outcome of the proceeding it will be bound and affected either favorably or adversely with respect to an interest peculiar to Montana-Dakota as distinguished from an interest common to the public or to the taxpayers in general. Specifically, Montana-Dakota has suffered a disruption in the operation of its distribution system and is directly interested in the cause and result of the incident. Montana-Dakota believes that it has suffered damages as a result of the incident. Thus, Montana-Dakota should be permitted to intervene and participate fully as a party in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE Montana-Dakota prays that the Commission grant its petition to intervene as a party in this proceeding and to participate fully in all proceedings relevant to the outcome of Commission Staff's pipeline safety investigation.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2008.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

David A. Gerdes of May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson LLP hereby certifies that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2008, he served electronically a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned action to the following at their last known addresses, to-wit:

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