

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)
COMMISSION PIPELINE SAFETY STAFF)
REGARDING AN INSPECTOR INCIDENT)
INVESTIGATION ON THE MONTANA-)
DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.'S SYSTEM)**

**ORDER TO APPROVE
INCIDENT REPORT**

PS12-001

On February 10, 2012, Commission Pipeline Safety Staff (Staff) opened a docket with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) pursuant to ARSD 20:10:37:11 to conduct an incident inspection. An incident occurred as a result of a vehicle accident in Spearfish, S.D. The accident caused a release of gas and damage on Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s (MDU) system in excess of \$50,000. Specifically, a flatbed trailer full of logs detached from its semi-tractor on Interstate 90 and struck the gas meter set on the Spearfish Wal-Mart. On the day of the incident, a Staff pipeline safety inspector conducted an on-site incident inspection. On February 16, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

On March 16, 2012, the Commission received an incident report from MDU. On March 20, 2012, the Commission received an incident report from Staff.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34B and ARSD 20:10:37.

At its March 27, 2012, meeting the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff requested approval of its filed Incident Report and inspector recommendations. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Staff Incident Report and inspector recommendations are approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29 day of March, 2012.

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, electronically.
By: <u>Joy Deery</u>
Date: <u>3-29-12</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner