

MONTANA-DAKOTA

UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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October 25, 2005

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

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re: Fuel Clause Adjustment
Docket No. EL05-

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith respectfully files an original and two (2) copies of a fuel adjustment, statement attached hereto, in accordance with its Fuel Clause Rate 58. The attached statement shows the following:

Cost/Kwh - 3 months ended September 30, 2005	\$.013246
Base Cost/Kwh Included in Current Rate	\$ <u>.014704</u>
Increase/(Decrease) from Base Cost	(\$.001458)
 Net Billing Adjustment after 90% Provision	 (\$.001312)

Montana-Dakota will, unless the Commission otherwise orders, apply the (.1312) cents per Kwh to all bills rendered during the month of November 2005. This is a decrease of .1398 cents from the October level.

Please acknowledge receipt by stamping or initialing the duplicate copy of this letter attached hereto and returning the same in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely,



Donald R. Ball
Assistant Vice-President –
Regulatory Affairs