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February 14, 2012

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

Re:

Fuel Clause Adjustment

March 2012

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith respectfully files 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 January 31, 2012 \$0.022870 Base Cost/Kwh Included in Current Rates

Increase(Decrease) from Base Cost

0.014704 \$0.008166

Net Billing Adjustment after 90% Provision

\$0.007349

Montana-Dakota will, unless the Commission otherwise orders, apply the 0.7349 cents per Kwh for service rendered during the month of March 2012. This is an increase of 0.0802 cents from the February level.

Sincerely,

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Rita A. Mulkern

Regulatory Affairs Manager

Attachment