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

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re:

Fuel Clause Adjustment

Docket No. EL05-

Dear Ms. Forney:

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 October 31, 2005	\$.013466
Base Cost/Kwh Included in Current Rate	\$ <u>.014704</u>
Increase/(Decrease) from Base Cost	(\$.001238)

Net Billing Adjustment after 90% Provision

(\$.001114)

Montana-Dakota will, unless the Commission otherwise orders, apply the (.1114) cents per Kwh to all bills rendered during the month of December 2005. This is an increase of .0198 cents from the November 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