



MONTANA-DAKOTA

UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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

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UTILITIES COMMISSI

Re: Fuel Clause Adjustment
Docket No. EL06-

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

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 December 31, 2005	\$.017657
Base Cost/Kwh Included in Current Rate	\$ <u>.014704</u>
Increase/(Decrease) from Base Cost	\$.002953
Net Billing Adjustment after 90% Provision	\$.002658

Montana-Dakota will, unless the Commission otherwise orders, apply the .2658 cents per Kwh to all bills rendered during the month of February 2006. This is an increase of .2239 cents from the January 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
Vice-President – Regulatory Affairs