

Exhibit A



MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
 A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
 400 North Fourth Street
 Bismarck, ND 58501

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
 ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULE**

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 7th Revised Sheet No. 5
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SERVICE FOR
GETTYSBURG, SD 57442-1412
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ACCOUNT NUMBER
 DATE DUE
May 31, 2012
 BILL DATE
 AMOUNT DUE
May 9, 2012 \$136.78

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ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Previous Balance	\$145.48
Payment Received 4/20/2012 Thank you	-145.48
Current Gas Charges	52.81
Current Electric Charges	83.97
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CUSTOMER SERVICE & EMERGENCY SERVICE

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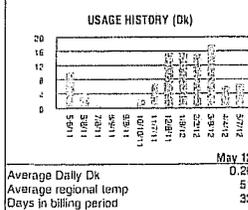
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Gas Charges

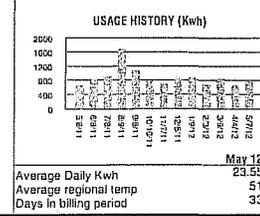
BILLING PERIOD DAYS
 4/5/12 - 5/7/12 33
 METER NUMBER
 012799675
 METER READ DATE
 5/7/12
 Next scheduled read 6/6/12
 RATE
 66 - Residential Gas



CURRENT READING	PREVIOUS READING	DIFFERENCE	THERM FACTOR	DK USED
661.4	- 654.6	= 6.8	x 0.968413	= 6.6
Basic Service Charge 33 Days x \$0.15 4.95				
Distribution Delivery 6.6 Dk x \$2.915 19.24				
Cost of Gas 5.2 Dk x \$3.956 20.57				
Cost of Gas 1.4 Dk x \$3.386 4.74				
CTA 6.6 Dk x \$0.049 0.32				
State Tax 4% x \$49.82 1.99				
City Tax 2% x \$49.82 1.00				
Total Charges				\$52.81

Electric Charges

BILLING PERIOD DAYS
 4/5/12 - 5/7/12 33
 METER NUMBER
 011278286
 METER READ DATE
 5/7/12
 Next scheduled read 6/6/12
 RATE
 10 - Residential Electric



CURRENT READING	PREVIOUS READING	TOTAL USED
59037	- 58260	= 777 Kwh
Base Rate 6.00		
Energy 450 Kwh x \$0.0921 41.45		
Energy 300 Kwh x \$0.08504 25.51		
Energy 27 Kwh x \$0.05664 1.58		
Fuel Cost Adj 612 Kwh x \$0.005993 3.67		
Fuel Cost Adj 165 Kwh x \$0.004318 0.71		
State Tax 4% x \$79.22 3.17		
City Tax 2% x \$79.22 1.58		
Total Charges		\$83.97

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Pay By Phone or Online: We accept payments through Western Union® Speedpay®, a third-party service provider. You will find the Speedpay link on our website or simply call toll-free 1-866-263-5185 and follow the prompts. Payments can be made 24/7 using your credit card, debit card or electronic transfer from a checking, money market or savings account. You will need your utility account number (available on your bill) to process your payment. Western Union® Speedpay® charges a \$3.95 convenience fee per transaction for this service.

Payment Locations: Pay by cash, check or money order at one of our payment locations;

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Balance Billing: This billing plan levels out your monthly bill so you can reduce fluctuations brought on by changes in the weather and the cost of energy. To enroll, complete the Balance Billing form located on our website or contact Customer Service at 1-800-638-3278.

Payment Due Date: Your bill is past due if not paid within 22 days after it is mailed. If you are paying with a credit card or paying at one of our payment locations in response to a Disconnection of Service Notice, please contact Montana-Dakota at 1-800-638-3278 and let us know that payment has been made.

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Payments marked with a restrictive legend (Paid in Full, for example) will not act as an accord and satisfaction without our express prior written approval.

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City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____



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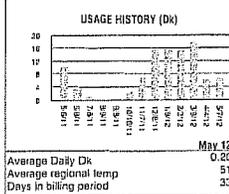


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BILLING PERIOD 4/5/12 - 5/7/12
 DAYS 33
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RATE 65 - Residential Gas



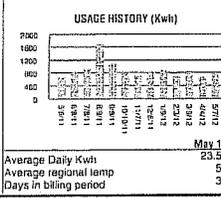
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 Average regional temp 51
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RATE 10 - Residential Electric



Average Daily Kwh 23.55
 Average regional temp 51
 Days in billing period 33

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City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

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 MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. OFFICE LOCATED IN:

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CHECK HERE FOR MAILING ADDRESS
 CHANGE (SHOW CHANGES BELOW)

DIRECT PAYMENTS TO
 MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.

AMOUNT PAID IF
 DIFFERENT THAN BELOW

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PLEASE PAY THIS AMOUNT

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PLEASE RETURN THIS STUB WITH YOUR PAYMENT. IF PAYING IN PERSON, BRING THE ENTIRE BILL.

ACCOUNT NAME SERVICE ADDRESS	BILLING DATE CURRENT BILL DUE DATE	METER READING		DIFFERENCE	BILLING FACTOR	USAGE	AMOUNT
TYPE OF SERVICE	READING DATE	NO. DAYS	PRESENT	PREVIOUS	KWH/MO	KWH/KW-ZK	

UTILITY TYPE	ADJUSTMENTS GAS - PGA ELECTRIC - FCA	AVERAGE DAILY USE	AVERAGE DAILY COST	THE TEMPERATURE THIS BILLING PERIOD AVERAGED	AMOUNT DUE
				DEGREES THAN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR AND DEGREES THAN THE LAST BILLING PERIOD.	\$

REVOLVING CHARGE PLAN (RCP)

PAST DUE	PREVIOUS BALANCE	PYMT/CR	FINANCE CHG	PURCHASES	NEW BALANCE	INSTALLMENT DUE

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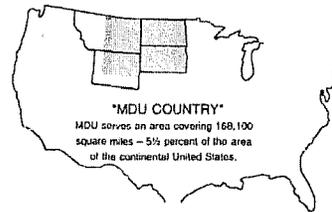
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BALANCED BILLING . . . **Balanced Billing** is MDU's voluntary plan to help you budget your utility bills. Because of severe weather in our northern climate, utility bills may fluctuate widely between winter and other seasons.

With Balanced Billing you can reduce the impact of higher winter bills by averaging them with those during lower fuel usage months. It gives you more level bills throughout the year. It puts you in control. Remember, there's no charge for this service.

You can sign up for Balanced Billing by a telephone call to 1-800-MDU-FAST (1-800-630-3278).

THERM BILLING . . . **Mcf Conversion to Therms:** Your gas bill is computed using a standard measure of heat energy called a "therm". Ten thousands of cubic feet (Mcf) used (as measured by your gas meter) are converted to decatherms by multiplying the Mcf's by a factor which is based on heat content and atmospheric pressure of the gas delivered to your premise. Such heat content can vary each month. This conversion ensures that all customers are charged accurately for the heat value of the gas they use.

CODES AND DEFINITIONS . . . **FCAPGA Fuel Cost Adjustment and Purchased Gas Adjustments:** The adjustments shown on your bill are shown per kilowatt hour or per decatherm. These adjustments reflect changes in the cost of fuels and natural gas purchased by MDU. MDU receives no profit from these charges.

Dk - Decaltherm: A measure of heat energy. One decaltherm contains ten therms or one million British thermal units (Btu's).

Btu - British thermal units: Quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit.

Mcf - Thousand Cubic Feet: The basic measure of the amount of natural gas used.

TF - Thermal Factor: Multiplier used to convert Mcf to decatherms (dk's) by heating value and delivery pressure.

Kwh - Kilowatt-Hour: The basic unit for measuring the use of electricity. It is the amount of electricity used by ten 100-watt light bulbs left on for one hour.

REVOLVING CHARGE PLAN . . . **RCP - Your FINANCE CHARGE** is computed at a **DAILY RATE OF .0004932**, which is a corresponding **ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE OF 18%**. To avoid additional finance charges, pay by the due date shown on the other side of this bill. In case of errors or questions about your bill, write us at P.O. Box 5600, Bismarck, North Dakota 58506-5600.

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| AE - All Electric | IP - Irrigation Power | PR - Propane Service |
| AI - Alternate Energy Based Interruptible Gas | IR - Irrigation Time-Of-Day | PT - Power Purchase Time Differentiated |
| AMT - Amount | IT - Industrial Time-Of-Day | PYMT - Payment |
| APR - Annual Percentage Rate | KV - Kvar Penalty | RCP - Revolving Charge Plan |
| AU - All Electric Underground | KW - Kilowatt Demand | RE - Residential Electric |
| CG - Commercial Gas | LE - Large General Electric Standby and Supplementary | RF - Residential Fuel-Oil Based |
| CHG - Charge | LG - Large General Electric | RQ - Residential Gas |
| CJ - Conjunctive | LI - Large Interruptible General Gas | RS - Residential Dual Fuel Space Heating |
| CR or (s) | LP - Long-Term Power | RT - Residential Time-Day |
| DE - Demand | LS - Large Power Standby | SD - Special General Controlled Electric |
| E - Estimated Meter Read | LT - Large General Ele Time-Of-Day | SE - Small General Electric Standby and Supplementary |
| EH - Electric Heating | MC - Meter Constant | SG - Small General Electric |
| FE - Firm Energy | ME - Miscellaneous Electric | SI - Small Interruptible General Gas |
| FG - Firm Gas Service | ML - Municipal Lighting | SL - Street Lighting |
| FS - Firm Gas Transportation | MP - Municipal Pumping | SM - Small Municipal Electric |
| GE - General Thermal Energy Storage | NB - Net Billing Option | SR - Special Residential Controlled Electric |
| GG - General Gas Service | NF - Non-Firm Non-Turn Differentiated | SS - Standby Gas |
| GS - General Dual Fuel Space Heating | NT - Non-Firm Time Differentiated | ST - Small General Ele Time-Of-Day |
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| GV - Government | OS - Optional Seasonal Residential Gas | TG - General Transportation of Gas |
| IG - Interruptible General Gas | P - Pro-rated Amount | TI - Industrial Transportation of Gas |
| IL - Interruptible Large Power | PF - Atmospheric Pressure Factor | TR - Residential Thermal Energy Storage |
| IN - Industrial Gas | PG - Parallel Generation | UE - Underground Electric |
| | PL - Private Lighting | UW - Uncontrolled Water |

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