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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501

**RE: In the Matter of the Filing by Commission Pipeline Safety Staff for Approval of a Penalty for a Pipeline Safety Violation by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., East River Area**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

This filing is submitted in regards to pipeline safety violations noted by Commission Pipeline Safety Staff during an inspection of Montana-Dakota Utilities Company's East River Area facilities.

A complaint, as well as exhibits detailing the Probable Violations, is attached. Included with this filing, please find:

- 1) Complaint
- 2) Exhibit 1, Summary of Deficiencies
- 3) Exhibit 2, Penalty Calculation Worksheet for violation of § 192.625
- 4) Exhibit 3, Penalty Calculation Worksheet for Violation of § 192.805(b)
- 5) Certificate of Service

Commission Pipeline Safety Staff requests the Commission open a docket and approve the proposed penalties.

Sincerely,

  
Kristen Edwards

Attachment