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RE: **MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES COMPANY; RULES HEARING**
Our file: 0069

Dear Commission and Staff:

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the rules hearing held at the Capitol on November 7. As mentioned during my comments, there are two things which perhaps should be further addressed.

First, the correlation between proposed ARSD 20:10:01:02.02 and 20:10:01:02.05 is somewhat murky as to whether the receipt date is also the filed date in the case of all documents. We would suggest that the rules be clarified to ensure that the receipt date is the filed date for all documents.

Secondly, you received a substantial amount of discussion concerning the filing of confidential documents, and whether it is desirable to require that all confidential documents be filed electronically. Both Darla Rogers and I indicated that we believe that there can be circumstances under which the filing of paper confidential documents would be preferable. We would suggest that the option of filing paper confidential documents be preserved in the rules.

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Thank you very much for the opportunity to appear before you.

Yours truly,

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