

November 27, 2001

Mr. Allen C. Hoberg  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
1707 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Lower Level  
Bismarck, ND 58501

Re: Case No. PU-399-01-186  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
2000 Electric Operations  
Annual Report

Dear Mr. Hoberg:

Enclosed is a request for an administrative law judge in the above case. The Commission has scheduled a hearing for February 25, 2002, beginning at 9 a.m. (CST) in the Commission's Hearing Room, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, State Capitol, Bismarck. The administrative law judge will serve as a procedural law judge, a court reporter may be present, and the hearing will be tape recorded. A copy of the case is enclosed.

Please provide the Commission with a copy of any filings issued by your office in this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

William W. Binek  
Hearing Administrator

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Enclosure

c: Douglas W. Schultz, Senior Attorney  
Don Ball, Director of Regulatory Affairs