

January 3, 2002

Mr. Douglas W. Schultz, Senior Attorney
Montana-Dakota Utilities Company
400 North 4th Street
Bismarck, ND 58501

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

Dear Mr. Schultz:

The hearing in the above case has been scheduled for February 25, 2002, beginning at 9 a.m. (CST) in the Commission Hearing Room. The Commission will tape record the hearing. If Montana-Dakota Utilities Company would like a court reporter present at the hearing please notify the Commission in writing within ten days of receipt of this letter and our office will make the necessary arrangements.

The Commission has a contract with the following court-reporting service:

Emineth & Associates
P. O. Box 2655
Bismarck, ND 58502-2655
Telephone: 701-255-3513
Fax: 701-255-6079

Montana-Dakota Utilities Company will pay costs associated with the court-reporting service (i.e. appearance fee, transcript of hearing), and Emineth & Associates will bill for its services as directed by Montana-Dakota Utilities Company.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

William W. Binek
Hearing Administrator

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C: Don Ball, Director of Regulatory Affairs