

January 9, 2002

Mr. Al Emineth
Emineth & Associates
311 East Thayer
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. Emineth:

The Commission requests court reporting services for the hearing in the above captioned case. The hearing is scheduled for February 25, 2002, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission Hearing Room. A copy of the Notice of Hearing is enclosed.

Montana-Dakota Utilities Company will be responsible for costs associated with the court-reporting service.

If you have questions, please call.

Yours truly,

William W. Binek
Hearing Officer Administrator

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Enclosure

C: Douglas W. Schulz
Donald R. Ball