

April 2, 2002

Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 408
Bismarck ND 58505

RE: PU-399-01-186
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
2000 Electric Operations
Annual Report

Dear Mr. Mielke:

Enclosed is the original and seven copies of staff's proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the above noted proceeding.

Sincerely,

William W. Binek
Chief Counsel

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Enclosure

c: Don Ball, MDU
William Pearce