

April 4, 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 Response to Brief of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

Sincerely,

William W. Binek
Chief Counsel

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Enclosure

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