

July 15, 2004

Ms. Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco
Executive Secretary
Public Service Commission
600 E. Blvd. Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Case No. PU-04-97
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco

Enclosed for filing in the above case are the original and seven copies of the public version, with redacted information, of the Direct Testimony of Charles W. King on behalf of the Commission Adversary Staff.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

William W. Binek
Chief Counsel

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Enclosure

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