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Ms. Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capital – Department 408
600 East Boulevard Avenue
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Re: Capital Electric Cooperative v. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Case No. PU-05-551

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Enclosed for filing are the original and seven copies of the Answer and Counterclaim of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., to the Complaint of Capital Electric Cooperative in the above referenced proceeding. Also enclosed is an extra copy of the Answer and Counterclaim. Please date stamp the extra copy for our files.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure

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