

March 13, 2006

Mr. Allen C. Hoberg
Office of Administrative Hearings
1707 North 9th Street, Lower Level
Bismarck, ND 58501

Re: Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. vs.
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Complaint
Case No. PU-05-551

Dear Mr. Hoberg:

Enclosed is a request for an administrative law judge in the above case. The Commission has scheduled a hearing for March 23, 2006, beginning at 10 a.m. (CST) in the Commission's Hearing Room, 12th Floor, State Capitol, Bismarck. The issue to be considered in this matter is whether the Commission has authority to issue an order continuing the proceeding for an indefinite period of time until the issue of city franchise rights is finally determined. The administrative law judge will serve as a procedural law judge, a court reporter may be present, and the hearing will be tape recorded. A copy of the case is enclosed.

Please provide the Commission with a copy of any filings issued by your office in this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

William W. Binek
Hearing Administrator

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Enclosure

c: Ms. Carol Larson
Mr. Daniel S. Kuntz
Mr. Jerome C. Kettleison
Mr. Randall J. Bakke