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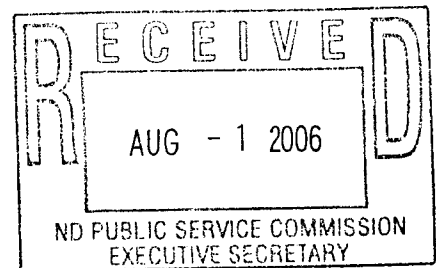
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Ms. Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capital – Department 408
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



Re: Capital Electric Cooperative v. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Case No. PU-06-278

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Enclosed for filing are the original and seven copies of the Answer and Motion for Stay 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 Motion for Stay. Please date stamp and return the extra copy for our files.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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