

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

07/11/2006

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE)
COMMISSION FEDERAL 2005 ENERGY) Docket No. PU-06-290
POLICY ACT INVESTIGATION)

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Montana-Dakota), pursuant to Section 69-02-02-05 of the North Dakota Administrative Code Title 69, hereby petitions to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of its petition, Montana-Dakota respectfully shows the following:

I.

Names, titles and mailing addresses of the persons who should be served with communications concerning this motion are:

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II.

Montana-Dakota is a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware, with its principal place of business located at 400 North Fourth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501. MDU Resources Group, Inc. is authorized to conduct, and is conducting business in the states of South Dakota, Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming. Montana-Dakota is a public utility engaged in the production, transmission, distribution, and sale of electricity and the distribution and sale of natural gas.

III.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) has Noticed the above-referenced proceeding and set an intervention date to allow petitions to intervene to be filed with the Commission.

IV.

Montana-Dakota has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding, which may be adversely affected by the Commission's findings and conclusions in this matter. Montana-Dakota avers that it cannot be adequately represented by existing parties, that it has a right to intervene, and that its intervention is in the public interest.

WHEREFORE, Montana-Dakota prays that it be permitted to intervene in the above-referenced proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.,
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

By 
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Dated: October 4, 2006

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