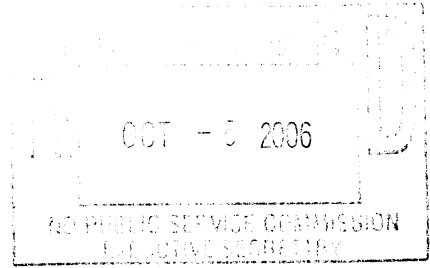


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Executive Secretary
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Re: Public Service Commission
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Standards Investigation
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Enclosed are an original and seven copies of a Petition of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., to intervene in the above docket.

Please acknowledge receipt by stamping or initialing the duplicate copy of this letter attached hereto and returning the same in the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely,

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Attachments
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