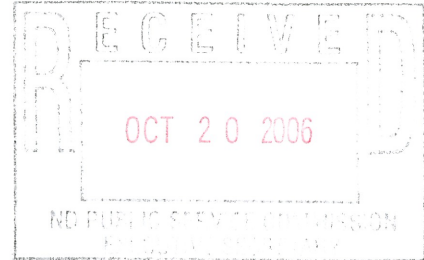


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October 19, 2006

Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capitol Building  
Bismarck, ND 58505



Re: EPACT Standards  
Case No. PU-06-290

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith submits an original and seven (7) copies of its comments regarding the Commission's possible adoption of the new PURPA standards under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 pursuant to the Commission's Order Opening Investigation and Notice of Workshop issued on July 26, 2006.

Montana-Dakota looks forward to further discussion regarding the Energy Policy Act Standards investigation at the Commission's October 23, 2006 Workshop.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald R. Ball".

Donald R. Ball  
Vice President – Regulatory Affairs

Attachment  
cc: D. S. Kuntz