



# MONTANA-DAKOTA

UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Re: Application for the Acquisition of Intermountain Gas Company by MDU Resources Group, Inc. and its Divisions, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Great Plains Natural Gas Co.

MDU Resources Group, Inc., and its Divisions, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Great Plains Natural Gas Co. herewith submit an original and seven (7) copies of its Application for authorization from the North Dakota Public Service Commission for the acquisition of the stock of Intermountain Gas Company pursuant to the Stock Purchase Agreement dated July 1, 2008 between MDU Resources Group, Inc and Intermountain Industries, Inc.. This filing is made in accordance with Title 49 of the North Dakota Century Code and the rules and regulations promulgated by the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

Please refer all inquiries regarding this filing to:

Mr. Donald R. Ball  
Vice President - Regulatory Affairs  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
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Bismarck, ND 58501

Also, please send copies of all written inquiries, correspondence and pleading to:

Mr. Daniel S. Kuntz  
Associate General Counsel  
MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
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1200 West Century Avenue  
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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,



Donald R. Ball  
Vice President - Regulatory Affairs