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

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service
Commission
State Capitol Building
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Fuel Clause Adjustment (FCA)
Case No. PU-08-___

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith respectfully files an original and seven (7) copies of its fuel clause adjustment (FCA) per its Fuel Clause Rate 58. The attached statement shows the following:

Cost per Kwh	$0.02190
Base Cost/Kwh Included in Current Rates	0.01303
Total Billing Adjustment	$0.00887

The net effect of this FCA is to decrease the rate by 0.103 cents per Kwh for service rendered in the month of January 2009. All of North Dakota's electric customers will be affected by this proposal. There were 74,688 electric customers in North Dakota as of November 30, 2008.

The decrease in the FCA for December is caused by the fact that the higher cost month of July, used in the December calculation, was replaced by the lower cost month of November.

In response to Paragraph No. 11 of NDAC Section 69-09-02-39, Montana-Dakota purchases natural gas used for electric generation from its own gas operations or transports natural gas purchased from others under the applicable gas tariff approved and on file with the Commission in the state where the purchase is made or the transportation occurs.

Montana-Dakota also submits herewith a check for $600.00 in accordance with North Dakota Century Code Section 49-05-05. This payment is to cover the filing fee associated with the Fuel Clause Adjustment filings for January through December, 2009.

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,

Rita A. Mulkern

Rita A. Mulkern
Regulatory Analysis Manager

Attachment
cc: D. Ball

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
)
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH)

Rita A. Mulkern, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That she is the Regulatory Analysis Manager of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., that she has supervised the preparation of the foregoing statements, certifies that all of the statements are based upon the records of the respondent, and that the same is true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2008.

Rita A. Mulkern

Rita A. Mulkern

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public for the state and county above named, this 17th day of December, 2008.

SARA J GRAF
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires September 18, 2013

Sara J. Graf

Sara J. Graf, Notary Public
Burleigh County, North Dakota
My Commission Expires: 09/18/2013

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT - NORTH DAKOTA
JANUARY 2009 BILLING ADJUSTMENT SUMMARY

	Amount
Current cost per Kwh 1/	$0.02073
Surcharge Adjustment	0.00117
Total Cost per Kwh	$0.02190
Less: Base Cost 2/	0.01303
Total Fuel Cost Adjustment	**$0.00887**

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2/ Base cost of fuel per Case No. PU-399-03-296, order dated December 18, 2003.

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT - NORTH DAKOTA
JANUARY 2009 BILLING ADJUSTMENT

	2008				
	August	September	October	November	Total
Fuel & Purchased Power Costs					
Account 151 and Natural Gas Used for Generation	$4,048,999	$3,399,873	$3,947,835	$3,902,759	$15,299,466
Account 555 (Excludes Demand) 1/	1,402,461	415,577	230,628	204,179	2,252,845
Total Energy Related Costs	$5,451,460	$3,815,450	$4,178,463	$4,106,938	$17,552,311
Fuel Costs - Sales for Resale	402,274	353,455	630,750	293,517	1,679,996
Net System Costs	$5,049,186	$3,461,995	$3,547,713	$3,813,421	$15,872,315
Kwh Retail Sales	209,758,545	199,008,071	193,592,363	163,277,743	765,636,722
Cost Per Kwh	$0.02407	$0.01740	$0.01833	$0.02336	$0.02073

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MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
ACCOUNT 555
JANUARY 2009 BILLING ADJUSTMENT

		2008			
Account No.	Account Description	August	September	October	November
555.1	Purchased Power	$0	$0	$0	$0
555.111	Day-Ahead Asset Energy	($577,125)	($614,378)	($1,607,740)	(803,050)
555.112	Day-Ahead Non-Asset Energy	0	0	0	0
555.113	Day-Ahead Virtual Energy	0	0	0	0
555.114	Real-Time Asset Energy	611,544	653,690	1,153,247	430,810
555.115	Real-Time Non-Asset Energy	(2,832)	(2,137)	(1,072)	(1,316)
555.116	Real-Time Virtual Energy	0	0	0	0
555.1211	Day-Ahead Asset Congestion	941,969	184,243	239,936	23,322
555.1212	Day-Ahead Financial Bilateral Congestion Loss	0	0	0	0
555.1213	Day-Ahead Non-Asset Congestion	0	0	0	0
555.1214	Day-Ahead Virtual Congestion	0	0	0	0
555.1215	Real-Time Asset Congestion	(193,402)	(251,661)	(123,029)	(50,515)
555.1216	Real-Time Financial Bilateral Transaction Congestion	0	0	0	0
555.1217	Real-Time Non-Asset Congestion	0	0	0	0
555.1218	Real-Time Virtual Congestion	0	0	0	0
555.1221	Financial Transmission Rights Hourly Allocation	(16,386)	(54,745)	(29,033)	14,828
555.1222	Financial Transmission Rights Market Administration	0	0	0	0
555.1223	Financial Transmission Rights Monthly Allocation	(3,901)	3	(658)	(554)
555.1224	Financial Transmission Rights Transaction	0	0	0	0
555.1225	Financial Transmission Rights Yearly Allocation	0	0	0	0
555.1226	Financial Transmission Rights Funding Guarantee Amt	1,017	(1,183)	(1,556)	(980)
555.1227	Financial Transmission Rights Guarantee Uplift Amt	(587)	1,187	3,264	3,804
555.1228	Financial Transmission Rights Monthly Transaction	0	0	0	21,617
555.1230	Revenue Rights Transaction	(73,463)	(35,909)	(34,100)	(35,909)
555.1231	Annual Transaction	67,580	35,422	35,422	35,422
555.1233	Revenue Rights Stage 2 Distribution	(77,062)	32,588	(6,845)	(45,086)
555.131	Day-Ahead Asset Loss	452,879	311,392	412,150	308,922
555.132	Day-Ahead Financial Bilateral Transaction Loss	0	0	0	0
555.133	Day-Ahead Non-Asset Loss	0	0	0	0
555.134	Day-Ahead Virtual Loss	0	0	0	0
555.135	Real-Time Asset Loss	372,021	167,550	218,283	335,040
555.136	Real-Time Distribution of Loss	(135,071)	(70,787)	(68,683)	(61,085)
555.137	Real-Time Financial Bilateral Transaction Loss	0	0	0	0
555.138	Real-Time Non-Asset Loss	0	0	0	0
555.139	Real-Time Virtual Loss	0	0	0	0
555.141	Day-Ahead Market Administration	0	0	0	0
555.142	Real-Time Market Administration	0	0	0	0
555.151	Day-Ahead Rev Suff Guarantee Distribution	3,102	3,072	2,132	3,059
555.152	Day-Ahead Rev Suff Guarantee Make Whole Pmt	0	0	0	0
555.153	Real-Time Miscellaneous	(6,897)	(2,584)	(1,106)	(2,374)
555.154	Real-Time Net Inadvertent Distribution	(1,062)	2,092	(191)	1,536
555.155	Real-Time Revenue Neutrality Uplift	38,462	36,942	45,383	21,612
555.156	R-T Rev Suff Guarantee First Pass Distribution	7,791	18,184	8,196	16,215
555.157	R-T Rev Suff Guarantee Make Whole Payment	0	0	0	(23,006)
555.158	Real-Time Uninstructed Deviation	16	10,067	(10,140)	10,780
555.159	Day Ahead Schedule 24	4,554	4,136	4,848	4,612
555.160	Real Time Schedule 24	351	382	403	429
555.162	Real Time Price Volume Make Whole Payment	(11,037)	(11,989)	(8,483)	(3,954)
	Total MISO Market Charges	$1,402,461	$415,577	$230,628	$204,179
Total Account 555 Charges		$1,402,461	$415,577	$230,628	$204,179

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
INFORMATIONAL SUPPLEMENT
TO RATE 58
NORTH DAKOTA

	Current Adjustment in Cents per Kwh	Amount of Change in Cents per Kwh	Current Adjustment in Dollars per Kwh
January 2008	0.899	(0.139)	0.00899
February	1.121	0.222	0.01121
March	1.165	0.044	0.01165
April	1.227	0.062	0.01227
May	1.142	(0.085)	0.01142
June	0.653	(0.489)	0.00653
July	0.710	0.057	0.00710
August	1.039	0.329	0.01039
September	1.263	0.224	0.01263
October	1.590	0.327	0.01590
November	1.352	(0.238)	0.01352
December	0.990	(0.362)	0.00990
January 2009	0.887	(0.103)	0.00887

Base rates effective on or after January 23, 2004. Base cost of fuel @ $0.01303 per Kwh per Case No. PU-399-03-296