



MONTANA-DAKOTA

UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

Re: Fuel Clause Adjustment (FCA)
Case No. PU-09-___

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	\$0.02306
Base Cost/Kwh Included in Current Rates	<u>0.01303</u>
Total Billing Adjustment	\$0.01003

The net effect of this FCA is to increase the rate by 0.053 cents per Kwh for service rendered in the month of March 2009. All of North Dakota's electric customers will be affected by this proposal. There were 74,768 electric customers in North Dakota as of January 31, 2009.

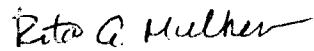
The increase in the FCA for March is caused by the fact that the lower cost month of September, used in the February calculation, was replaced by the higher cost month of January.

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 submitted a check for the amount of \$600.00 on December 17, 2008. This payment will cover the filing fee associated with the monthly FCA filings, in accordance with North Dakota Century Code Section 49-05-05, 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
Regulatory Analysis Manager


Attachment

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
)
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH)

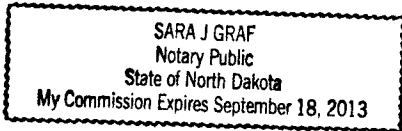
Rita A. Mulkern, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That she is the Regulatory Analysis Manager of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., that she has supervised the preparation of the foregoing statements, certifies that all of the statements are based upon the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

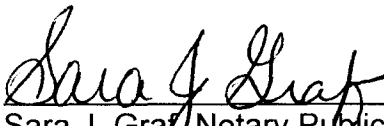
Dated this 20th day of February, 2009.



Rita A. Mulkern

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public for the state and county above named, this 20th day of February, 2009.





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

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

	<u>Amount</u>
Current cost per Kwh 1/	\$0.02189
Surcharge Adjustment	<u>0.00117</u>
Total Cost per Kwh	\$0.02306
Less: Base Cost 2/	<u>0.01303</u>
Total Fuel Cost Adjustment	<u>\$0.01003</u>

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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
MARCH 2009 BILLING ADJUSTMENT**

	2008			2009	Total
	October	November	December	January	
Fuel & Purchased Power Costs					
Account 151 and Natural Gas Used for Generation	\$3,947,835	\$3,902,759	\$4,199,527	\$3,667,024	\$15,717,145
Account 555 (Excludes Demand) 1/	230,628	204,179	1,827,337	1,567,962	3,830,106
Total Energy Related Costs	\$4,178,463	\$4,106,938	\$6,026,864	\$5,234,986	\$19,547,251
Fuel Costs - Sales for Resale	630,750	293,517	55,849	64,015	1,044,131
Net System Costs	\$3,547,713	\$3,813,421	\$5,971,015	\$5,170,971	\$18,503,120
Kwh Retail Sales	193,592,363	163,277,743	230,221,759	258,094,922	845,186,787
Cost Per Kwh	\$0.01833	\$0.02336	\$0.02594	\$0.02004	\$0.02189

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
ACCOUNT 555
MARCH 2009 BILLING ADJUSTMENT**

Account No.	Account Description	2008			2009
		October	November	December	January
555.1	Purchased Power	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
555.111	Day-Ahead Asset Energy	(\$1,607,740)	(\$803,050)	\$1,231,005	1,335,329
555.114	Real-Time Asset Energy	1,153,247	430,810	8,501	(238,926)
555.115	Real-Time Non-Asset Energy	(1,072)	(1,316)	(4,268)	(40)
555.118	Real-Time Non-Excessive Energy	0	0	0	(1,372)
555.1211	Day-Ahead Asset Congestion	239,936	23,322	185,462	42,222
555.1215	Real-Time Asset Congestion	(123,029)	(50,515)	(18,823)	2,943
555.1219	Real-Time Non-Excessive Congestion	0	0	0	(22,415)
555.1221	Financial Transmission Rights Hourly Allocation	(29,033)	14,828	(2,157)	(403)
555.1223	Financial Transmission Rights Monthly Allocation	(658)	(554)	(1,976)	0
555.1226	Financial Transmission Rights Funding Guarantee Amt	(1,556)	(980)	(2,063)	(1,954)
555.1227	Financial Transmission Rights Guarantee Uplift Amt	3,264	3,804	2,868	1,888
555.1228	Financial Transmission Rights Monthly Transaction	0	21,617	0	0
555.1230	Revenue Rights Transaction	(34,100)	(35,909)	(15,785)	(13,359)
555.1231	Annual Transaction	35,422	35,422	19,230	19,230
555.1233	Revenue Rights Stage 2 Distribution	(6,845)	(45,086)	(53,976)	(53,985)
555.130	Real-Time Non-Excessive Loss	0	0	0	(13,369)
555.131	Day-Ahead Asset Loss	412,150	308,922	317,291	287,273
555.135	Real-Time Asset Loss	218,283	335,040	293,576	229,363
555.136	Real-Time Distribution of Loss	(68,683)	(61,085)	(125,268)	(86,524)
555.151	Day-Ahead Rev Suff Guarantee Distribution	2,132	3,059	4,559	12,328
555.153	Real-Time Miscellaneous	(1,106)	(2,374)	(1,842)	1,450
555.154	Real-Time Net Inadvertent Distribution	(191)	1,536	2,365	(440)
555.155	Real-Time Revenue Neutrality Uplift	45,383	21,612	33,057	(31,572)
555.156	R-T Rev Suff Guarantee First Pass Distribution	8,196	16,215	23,360	76,410
555.157	R-T Rev Suff Guarantee Make Whole Payment	0	(23,006)	(61,189)	(12,529)
555.158	Real-Time Uninstructed Deviation	(10,140)	10,780	(6,950)	(3,654)
555.159	Day Ahead Schedule 24	4,848	4,612	6,026	5,315
555.160	Real Time Schedule 24	403	429	472	385
555.162	Real Time Price Volume Make Whole Payment	(8,483)	(3,954)	(6,138)	(844)
555.1701	Day-Ahead Spinning Reserve Amount	0	0	0	(16,638)
555.1711	Real-Time Excessive Deficient Energy Deployment	0	0	0	220
555.1714	Real-Time Spinning Reserve Amount	0	0	0	96
555.1715	Real-Time Supplemental Reserve Amount	0	0	0	238
555.1716	Real-Time Regulation Cost Distribution	0	0	0	28,686
555.1717	Real-Time Spinning Reserve Cost Distribution Amount	0	0	0	21,803
555.1718	Real-Time Supplemental Reserve Cost Distribution	0	0	0	807
	Total MISO Market Charges	\$230,628	\$204,179	\$1,827,337	\$1,567,962
	Total Account 555 Charges	\$230,628	\$204,179	\$1,827,337	\$1,567,962

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

	<u>Current Adjustment in Cents per Kwh</u>	<u>Amount of Change in Cents per Kwh</u>	<u>Current Adjustment in Dollars per Kwh</u>
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
February	0.950	0.063	0.00950
March	1.003	0.053	0.01003

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