

April 20, 2009

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	\$0.01897
Base Cost/Kwh Included in Current Rates	<u>0.01303</u>
Total Billing Adjustment	\$0.00594

The net effect of this FCA is to decrease the rate by 0.126 cents per Kwh for service rendered in the month of May 2009. All of North Dakota's electric customers will be affected by this proposal. There were 74,856 electric customers in North Dakota as of March 31, 2009.

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

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald R. Ball".

Donald R. Ball  
Vice President – Regulatory Affairs

Attachment

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

	<u>Amount</u>
Current cost per Kwh 1/	\$0.02061
Surcharge Adjustment	<u>(0.00164)</u>
Total Cost per Kwh	\$0.01897
Less: Base Cost 2/	<u>0.01303</u>
Total Fuel Cost Adjustment	<b><u><u>\$0.00594</u></u></b>

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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  
MAY 2009 BILLING ADJUSTMENT**

	2008	2009			
	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fuel & Purchased Power Costs					
Account 151 and Natural Gas					
Used for Generation	\$4,199,527	\$3,667,024	\$3,707,143	\$3,158,216	\$14,731,910
Account 555 (Excludes Demand) 1/	1,827,337	1,567,962	305,626	764,669	4,465,594
Total Energy Related Costs	\$6,026,864	\$5,234,986	\$4,012,769	\$3,922,885	\$19,197,504
Fuel Costs - Sales for Resale	55,849	64,015	84,645	41,367	245,876
Net System Costs	\$5,971,015	\$5,170,971	\$3,928,124	\$3,881,518	\$18,951,628
Kwh Retail Sales	230,221,759	258,094,922	211,981,953	219,324,838	<u>919,623,472</u>
Cost Per Kwh	\$0.02594	\$0.02004	\$0.01853	\$0.01770	<u><u>\$0.02061</u></u>

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

Account No.	Account Description	2009			
		December	January	February	March
555.1	Purchased Power	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
555.111	Day-Ahead Asset Energy	\$1,231,005	\$1,335,329	178,595	1,210,003
555.114	Real-Time Asset Energy	8,501	(238,926)	(342,192)	(287,793)
555.115	Real-Time Non-Asset Energy	(4,268)	(40)	0	0
555.117	Real-Time Excessive Energy	0	0	(27)	(2,497)
555.118	Real-Time Non-Excessive Energy	0	(1,372)	206,756	184,720
555.1211	Day-Ahead Asset Congestion	185,462	42,222	(9,002)	(132,046)
555.1215	Real-Time Asset Congestion	(18,823)	2,943	25,097	42,661
555.1219	Real-Time Non-Excessive Congestion	0	(22,415)	(55,983)	(58,143)
555.1221	Financial Transmission Rights Hourly Allocation	(2,157)	(403)	(578)	5,283
555.1223	Financial Transmission Rights Monthly Allocation	(1,976)	0	(992)	(178)
555.1226	Financial Transmission Rights Funding Guarantee Amt	(2,063)	(1,954)	525	(721)
555.1227	Financial Transmission Rights Guarantee Uplift Amt	2,868	1,888	(1,122)	1,418
555.1230	Revenue Rights Transaction	(15,785)	(13,359)	(12,817)	(13,163)
555.1231	Annual Transaction	19,230	19,230	19,230	14,254
555.1233	Revenue Rights Stage 2 Distribution	(53,976)	(53,985)	(53,981)	(42,187)
555.130	Real-Time Non-Excessive Loss	0	(13,369)	(28,455)	(15,935)
555.131	Day-Ahead Asset Loss	317,291	287,273	228,463	39,597
555.135	Real-Time Asset Loss	293,576	229,363	193,733	35,005
555.136	Real-Time Distribution of Loss	(125,268)	(86,524)	(60,127)	(51,079)
555.151	Day-Ahead Rev Suff Guarantee Distribution	4,559	12,328	2,898	9,465
555.153	Real-Time Miscellaneous	(1,842)	1,450	(143)	(37,159)
555.154	Real-Time Net Inadvertent Distribution	2,365	(440)	(1,054)	(14,382)
555.155	Real-Time Revenue Neutrality Uplift	33,057	(31,572)	(21,588)	(220,268)
555.156	R-T Rev Suff Guarantee First Pass Distribution	23,360	76,410	58,141	77,347
555.157	R-T Rev Suff Guarantee Make Whole Payment	(61,189)	(12,529)	(55,811)	(7,601)
555.158	Real-Time Uninstructed Deviation	(6,950)	(3,654)	0	(89)
555.159	Day Ahead Schedule 24	6,026	5,315	5,271	5,368
555.160	Real Time Schedule 24	472	385	389	602
555.162	Real Time Price Volume Make Whole Payment	(6,138)	(844)	(1,488)	(7,098)
555.1701	Day-Ahead Spinning Reserve Amount	0	(16,638)	(4,031)	(1,312)
555.1702	Day-Ahead Supplemental Reserve Amount	0	0	0	(235)
555.1711	Real-Time Excessive Deficient Energy Deployment	0	220	104	164
555.1714	Real-Time Spinning Reserve Amount	0	96	(2,391)	(1,922)
555.1715	Real-Time Supplemental Reserve Amount	0	238	(238)	(589)
555.1716	Real-Time Regulation Cost Distribution	0	28,686	22,548	22,698
555.1717	Real-Time Spinning Reserve Cost Distribution Amount	0	21,803	15,065	9,521
555.1718	Real-Time Supplemental Reserve Cost Distribution	0	807	831	960
	Total MISO Market Charges	\$1,827,337	\$1,567,962	\$305,626	\$764,669
	Total Account 555 Charges	\$1,827,337	\$1,567,962	\$305,626	\$764,669

**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
April	0.720	(0.283)	0.00720
May	0.594	(0.126)	0.00594

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