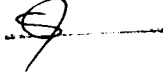


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December 31, 2009

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
Discontinue Prudence Big Stone II
Application**

Case No. PU-09-731

I move the Commission appoint Annette Bendish, Mike Diller, and Jerry Lein as advocacy staff in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s application for a determination that continued participation in the Big Stone II Generating Station is no longer prudent, Case No. PU-09-731.

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