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RE: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
Discontinue Prudence Big Stone II
Application
PU-09-731

Dear Mr. Ball and Mr. Kuntz:

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Sincerely,

Janet Marquart
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Letter Enclosing Commission Motion Appointing
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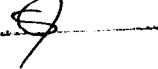
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Case No. PU-09-731

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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