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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

At its regular meeting on December 31, 2009, the North Dakota Public Service Commission passed a motion appointing advocacy staff in the above-referenced case. A copy of the motion is enclosed.

Sincerely,


Janet Marquart
Public Utilities Division

Enc.

APPROVED

DATE: 12-31-09
[Signature]

MOTION

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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