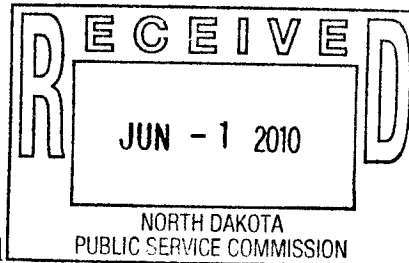


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May 27, 2010

Ms. Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco, General Counsel
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Re: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

Application to Discontinue Prudence, Big Stone II Generating Station
PSC Case No. PU-09 731, OAH Case No. 20100033

Application for Authority for Deferred Accounting,
Big Stone II Generating Station
PSC Case No. PU-09-733, OAH Case No. 20100032

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

The evidentiary hearing for the captioned matter was completed May 5, 2010, as noticed. I have filed with the Commission the exhibits received at the hearing and an exhibit list.

There does not appear to be any requirement for a hearing officer for the further proceedings for the matter. Accordingly, I have closed the file of the Office of Administrative Hearings for the matter.

The Office of Administrative Hearings was pleased to assist the Public Service Commission and the parties for the matter.

Sincerely,

Al. Wahl
Temporary Administrative Law Judge