



MONTANA-DAKOTA

UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service
Commission
State Capitol Building
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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	\$0.01647
Base Cost/Kwh Included in Current Rates	<u>0.01303</u>
Total Billing Adjustment	\$0.00344

The net effect of this FCA is to decrease the rate by 0.024 cents per Kwh for service rendered in the month of January 2010. All of North Dakota's electric customers will be affected by this proposal. There were 75,305 electric customers in North Dakota as of November 30, 2009.

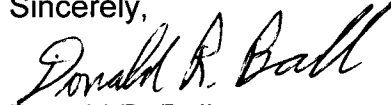
The decrease in the FCA for January is caused by the fact that the higher cost month of July, used in the December calculation, was replaced by the lower cost month of November.

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 this monthly FCA filing, in accordance with North Dakota Century Code Section 49-05-05.

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,



Donald R. Ball

Vice President – Regulatory Affairs

Attachment

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT - NORTH DAKOTA
JANUARY 2010 BILLING ADJUSTMENT SUMMARY**

	<u>Amount</u>
Current cost per Kwh 1/	\$0.01811
Surcharge Adjustment	<u>(0.00164)</u>
Total Cost per Kwh	\$0.01647
Less: Base Cost 2/	<u>0.01303</u>
Total Fuel Cost Adjustment	<u><u>\$0.00344</u></u>

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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
JANUARY 2010 BILLING ADJUSTMENT**

	2009				Total
	August	September	October	November	
Fuel & Purchased Power Costs					
Account 151 and Natural Gas					
Used for Generation	\$2,990,156	\$2,945,112	\$3,893,399	\$3,269,405	\$13,098,072
Account 555 (Excludes Demand) 1/	635,201	560,751	249,757	118,749	1,564,458
Total Energy Related Costs	\$3,625,357	\$3,505,863	\$4,143,156	\$3,388,154	\$14,662,530
Fuel Costs - Sales for Resale	59,581	109,831	492,532	270,013	931,957
Net System Costs	\$3,565,776	\$3,396,032	\$3,650,624	\$3,118,141	\$13,730,573
Kwh Retail Sales	185,590,033	197,823,620	195,296,623	179,586,129	758,296,405
Cost Per Kwh	\$0.01921	\$0.01717	\$0.01869	\$0.01736	\$0.01811

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MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
ACCOUNT 555
JANUARY 2010 BILLING ADJUSTMENT

Account No.	Account Description	2009			
		August	September	October	November
555.1	Purchased Power	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
555.111	Day-Ahead Asset Energy	\$569,581	\$402,366	(\$588,742)	(\$396,176)
555.114	Real-Time Asset Energy	48,748	45,360	(227,970)	(251,377)
555.117	Real-Time Excessive Energy	(32)	(224)	(128)	(338)
555.118	Real-Time Non-Excessive Energy	(27,775)	105,067	687,570	494,004
555.1211	Day-Ahead Asset Congestion	(61,303)	(67,859)	(18,557)	(8,647)
555.1215	Real-Time Asset Congestion	(21,395)	1,492	19,304	20,180
555.1219	Real-Time Non-Excessive Congestion	(29,302)	(47,422)	(326)	(52,871)
555.1223	Financial Transmission Rights Monthly Allocation	0	(2)	0	0
555.1226	Financial Transmission Rights Funding Guarantee Amt	0	2	0	0
555.1227	Financial Transmission Rights Guarantee Uplift Amt	(163)	160	(163)	0
555.1230	Revenue Rights Transaction	(43,451)	(7,942)	(7,942)	(7,942)
555.1232	Revenue Rights Infeasible Uplift	2,642	3,652	3,652	3,652
555.1233	Revenue Rights Stage 2 Distribution	(55,355)	(31,641)	(31,604)	(31,568)
555.130	Real-Time Non-Excessive Loss	(5,424)	288	(79,265)	(53,013)
555.131	Day-Ahead Asset Loss	102,357	38,710	220,094	158,711
555.135	Real-Time Asset Loss	134,246	139,274	213,605	224,574
555.136	Real-Time Distribution of Loss	(62,547)	(52,518)	(44,886)	(32,904)
555.151	Day-Ahead Rev Suff Guarantee Distribution	4,599	5,899	5,697	5,729
555.153	Real-Time Miscellaneous	3,314	(2,666)	1,265	187
555.154	Real-Time Net Inadvertent Distribution	3,231	(531)	(1,912)	2,665
555.155	Real-Time Revenue Neutrality Uplift	(6,081)	(59,567)	20,382	41,478
555.156	R-T Rev Suff Guarantee First Pass Distribution	58,011	75,243	64,671	(10,849)
555.157	R-T Rev Suff Guarantee Make Whole Payment	0	(2,179)	(7,250)	(4,094)
555.159	Day Ahead Schedule 24	4,360	4,393	5,137	5,299
555.160	Real Time Schedule 24	416	494	522	549
555.162	Real Time Price Volume Make Whole Payment	(452)	(308)	(903)	(772)
555.1701	Day-Ahead Spinning Reserve Amount	(1,471)	(4,255)	(12,520)	(3,495)
555.1702	Day-Ahead Supplemental Reserve Amount	(1,453)	(1,612)	(2,225)	(1,321)
555.1711	Real-Time Excessive Deficient Energy Deployment	65	9	51	65
555.1712	Real-Time Contingency Reserve Deployment	0	260	0	0
555.1714	Real-Time Spinning Reserve Amount	(3,007)	(2,811)	401	(6,045)
555.1715	Real-Time Supplemental Reserve Amount	(53)	433	(50)	(82)
555.1716	Real-Time Regulation Cost Distribution	14,627	11,006	15,914	13,456
555.1717	Real-Time Spinning Reserve Cost Distribution Amount	7,347	6,966	14,277	8,932
555.1718	Real-Time Supplemental Reserve Cost Distribution	921	1,214	1,658	762
Total Account 555 Charges		<u>\$635,201</u>	<u>\$560,751</u>	<u>\$249,757</u>	<u>\$118,749</u>

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
 INFORMATIONAL SUPPLEMENT
 TO RATE 58
 NORTH DAKOTA**

	Current Adjustment in Cents per Kwh	Amount of Change in Cents per Kwh	Current Adjustment in Dollars per Kwh
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
June	0.389	(0.205)	0.00389
July	0.348	(0.041)	0.00348
August	0.342	(0.006)	0.00342
September	0.362	0.020	0.00362
October	0.403	0.041	0.00403
November	0.359	(0.044)	0.00359
December	0.368	0.009	0.00368
January 2010	0.344	(0.024)	0.00344

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