

March 1, 2010

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

Re: Margin Sharing Adjustment Rate 57

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith submits an original and seven copies of its margin sharing adjustment pursuant to Margin Sharing Adjustment (MSA) Rate 57 to be effective April 1, 2010.

Exhibit A is the calculation of the MSA that will be effective for the period April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. As shown on Exhibit A, page 3, North Dakota's share of the wholesale sales margin was \$3,258,962 for 2009, which is \$3,241,038 less than the base margin in current rates. The margin credit, including the annual surcharge adjustment, to be effective April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 is \$.0021 per kwh for all North Dakota customers. Exhibit B is the MSA informational sheet.

The MSA is shown as a separate line item on customers' bills where the proposed MSA of \$.0021 will be applied to customers' energy usage each month effective with service rendered April 1, 2010. Any over or under recovery of the credit will be reflected in the next adjustment period pursuant to Rate 57.

Please refer all inquiries regarding this filing to:

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Also, please send copies of all written inquiries, correspondence and pleadings to:

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Montana-Dakota has previously submitted a check to cover the \$50 filing fee required for filings, 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

Attachments

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.  
NORTH DAKOTA ELECTRIC MARGIN SHARING ADJUSTMENT  
TO BE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2010 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2011**

Balance in margin sharing adjustment account at December 31, 2009 \$4,032,874

<u>Projected MSA Recovery</u>	<u>Kwh Sales</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
January	161,902,782	\$0.0018	\$291,425
February	134,316,000	0.0018	241,769
March	128,702,000	0.0018	231,664
			<u>764,858</u>

Projected balance at March 31, 2010 \$3,268,016

Projected Kwh sales for the period April 2010 through March 2011 1,584,644,000

Total margin sharing adjustment to be effective  
April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 \$0.0021

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.  
NORTH DAKOTA ELECTRIC MARGIN SHARING ADJUSTMENT  
2009**

	ND Margin	Interest 1/	Net Additions	MSA Recovery	Net Change	Cumulative Balance
<b>Balance @ December 31, 2008</b>						<b>\$3,500,018</b>
January	\$272,862	\$250	\$273,112	\$268,692	\$4,420	3,504,438
February	271,165	577	271,742	221,199	50,543	3,554,981
March	273,230	429	273,659	229,398	44,261	3,599,242
April	274,981	316	275,297	216,939	58,358	3,657,600
May	270,447	361	270,808	192,853	77,955	3,735,555
June	269,669	369	270,038	206,280	63,758	3,799,313
July	274,088	375	274,463	238,070	36,393	3,835,706
August	272,635	378	273,013	216,714	56,299	3,892,005
September	270,926	235	271,161	233,415	37,746	3,929,751
October	253,666	151	253,817	225,906	27,911	3,957,662
November	265,905	152	266,057	208,542	57,515	4,015,177
December	271,464	67	271,531	253,834	17,697	4,032,874
	<u>\$3,241,038</u>	<u>\$3,660</u>	<u>\$3,244,698</u>	<u>\$2,711,842</u>	<u>\$532,856</u>	
<b>Balance @ December 31, 2009</b>						<b><u>\$4,032,874</u></b>

1/ Interest calculated at 90 day Treasury Note rate.

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.  
NORTH DAKOTA ELECTRIC  
MARGIN SHARING ADJUSTMENT  
2009 ACTIVITY**

	North Dakota Margin	North Dakota Amount 1/	To Customers 2/	Base Margin	(Over)Under Base Margin	Carrying Charges 3/	Total
January	\$21,909	\$14,252	\$269,138	\$542,000	\$272,862	\$250	\$273,112
February	39,304	25,568	270,835	542,000	271,165	577	271,742
March	18,144	11,803	268,770	542,000	273,230	429	273,659
April	195	128	267,019	542,000	274,981	316	275,297
May	46,664	30,356	271,553	542,000	270,447	361	270,808
June	54,634	35,541	272,331	542,000	269,669	369	270,038
July	9,345	6,079	267,912	542,000	274,088	375	274,463
August	24,240	15,768	269,365	542,000	272,635	378	273,013
September	41,750	27,159	271,074	542,000	270,926	235	271,161
October	218,637	142,228	288,334	542,000	253,666	151	253,817
November	93,206	60,632	276,095	542,000	265,905	152	266,057
December	36,228	23,567	266,536	538,000	271,464	67	271,531
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$604,256</b>	<b>\$393,081</b>	<b>\$3,258,962</b>	<b>\$6,500,000</b>	<b>\$3,241,038</b>	<b>\$3,660</b>	<b>\$3,244,698</b>

1/ Allocated to North Dakota on interconnected system Kwh sales.

2/ Reflects annual base of \$3,200,000 plus 15% of margin.

3/ Three month Treasury Bill rate.

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.  
MARGIN SHARING ADJUSTMENT  
RATE 57  
NORTH DAKOTA**

	<u>MSA</u>
Effective:	
April 1, 2005	(\$0.0008)
April 1, 2006	(0.0015)
April 1, 2007	0.0007
September 1, 2007	0.0014
April 1, 2008	0.0016
April 1, 2009	0.0018
April 1, 2010	0.0021