

June 1, 2010

Ms. Annette Bendish  
Procurement Officer  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E Blvd Ave, Dept 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: RFP Number PU-10-124 – Consulting services for MDU Rate Case

Dear Ms. Bendish,

Williams Consulting, Inc. is pleased to present our proposal in response to the above captioned RFP.

We have proposed a senior team of highly experienced consultants for this important project. The proposed project team has extensive experience in rate matters, particularly viewed from the ratepayer advocacy side and we bring expertise in resource planning and cost recovery. Our experts have testified in similar matters.

We are a state of North Dakota registered vendor and are currently under contract number 09-11.044 providing assistance to the State in its Energy Assurance Planning effort, which we do not believe presents a conflict of interest.

We have reviewed the RFP carefully, including the General Contract Information, the Purchase of Service Agreement (Attachment 1), and the Risk Management Appendix (Attachment 2) as attached to the RFP, and we are in agreement with the terms and conditions. We are prepared to begin this assignment immediately upon award and we are confident that our work effort will be completed in a timely fashion in support of hearings and testimony required dates.

We look forward to again being of service to the State of North Dakota.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Rafferty  
Vice President