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March 3, 2009

Ms. Kate Whitney, Administrator  
Utility Division  
Montana Public Service Commission  
1701 Prospect Avenue  
Helena, MT 59620

RE: Renewable Resource Standard  
Annual Report- Compliance Year 2008

Dear Ms. Whitney:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Montana-Dakota), herewith submits an original and ten copies of its Annual Report regarding compliance with the Renewable Energy Resource Standard pursuant to 69-3-2004 MCA.

Montana-Dakota was required to procure a minimum of 5 percent of its retail sales of electric energy in Montana from eligible renewable resources pursuant to 69-3-2004 (2) MCA.

Montana-Dakota's total electric retail sales in the State of Montana were 694,343,691 Kwh in calendar year 2008. This results in a requirement to provide 34,717,185 Kwh through renewable energy resources in 2008.

Montana-Dakota met that requirement with the electric energy produced out of its 19.5 MW Diamond Willow wind farm placed into service in December 2007 and is located in Fallon County near Baker, Montana. The Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) certified the Diamond Willow 19.5 MW project as an eligible renewable resource in its Notice of Commission Action issued on March 7, 2007.

Montana-Dakota's electric operations are within the boundaries of the Midwest Reliability Organization and the Diamond Willow wind resource was registered on the Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System (M-RETS). The Diamond Willow resource has been designated with an identifier of "M-152" in the M-RETS system. The M-RETS Administrator issues one electronic Certificate for each MWh of energy generated by Diamond Willow and a unique serial number is assigned to each Certificate.

Montana-Dakota transferred the following certificates to its Retirement Subaccount on February 24, 2009 to meet its obligations under Montana's Renewable Resource Standards.

<u>Diamond Willow Certificate</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Dec-07 152-MT-12-2007-1323-1 to 15	15
Feb-08 152-MT-02-2008-1741-1 to 5031	5,031
Mar-08 152-MT-03-2008-1925-1 to 6260	6,260
Apr-08 152-MT-04-2008-2177-1 to 5120	5,120
May-08 152-MT-05-2008-2381-7211 to 7863	653
May-08 152-MT-05-2008-2311-1 to 7210	7,210
Jun-08 152-MT-06-2008-2645-1 to 5130	5,130
Jul-08 152-MT-07-2008-2967-1 to 4351	4,351
Aug-08 152-MT-08-2008-3166-1 to 948	<u>948</u>
Total of Certificates Retired	34,718

The Retirement Subaccount on M-RETS shows the serial numbers of the Certificates retired, the date of retirement, and the reason for retirement. The Retired Certificates cannot be moved or transferred out of the retirement account.

The Commission has access to reports on M-RETS in order to validate the certificates retired to comply with Montana-Dakota's Renewable Resource Standard for calendar year 2008.

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

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October 7, 2009 PUBLIC SERVICE  
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Mr. Brian C. Dekiep  
Utility Division  
Montana Public Service Commission  
1701 Prospect Avenue  
Helena, MT 59620

RE: Renewable Resource Standard  
Annual Report- Compliance Year 2008

Dear Mr. Dekiep:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Montana-Dakota), responds to your letter received on September 28, 2009 in regard to Montana-Dakota's report filed on March 2, 2009 in compliance with the Montana Renewable Power Production and Rural Economic Development Act (Montana Renewable Act).

As noted in your letter Montana-Dakota retired 15 renewable energy credits (RECs) that were actually generated in December 2007 by the Diamond Willow wind farm certified as an eligible renewable resource by the Montana Public Service Commission and placed into service in December 2007. The 15 RECs were a part of the total 34,718 RECs retired to meet Montana-Dakota's minimum requirement under 69-3-2004 (2) MCA. Montana-Dakota did so on the basis the 2007 RECs met the requirements of 69-3-2004 (7)(a)(i) MCA.

However, given Staff's position and given this is a new, untested requirement, Montana-Dakota offers to retire 15 additional RECs generated in 2008 that will serve to reduce the RECs available to carry forward to the next two compliance years in accordance with 69-3-2004 (9).

I look forward to your response. Upon confirmation retiring an additional 15 RECs is acceptable, Montana-Dakota will retire the RECs and report the date this is completed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tamie A. Aberle".

Tamie A. Aberle  
Pricing & Tariff Manager



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November 11, 2009

Mr. Brian C. Dekiep  
Utility Division  
Montana Public Service Commission  
1701 Prospect Avenue  
Helena, MT 59620

RE: Renewable Resource Standard  
Annual Report- Compliance Year 2008  
Docket No. N2009.10.137

Dear Mr. Dekiep:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Montana-Dakota), herewith reports that an 15 additional RECs generated in 2008 have been retired in response to the Notice of Commission Action issued on October 22, 2009 in Docket No N2009.10.137. The RECs generated out of the Diamond Willow wind facility and designated as certificate number 152-MT-08-2008-3196-949 to 964 on the M-RETS system were retired on October 27, 2009.

Please contact me at 701-222-7856 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Tamie A. Aberle  
Pricing & Tariff Manager



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March 26, 2010

Ms. Kate Whitney, Administrator  
Utility Division  
Montana Public Service Commission  
1701 Prospect Avenue  
Helena, MT 59620

RE: Renewable Resource Standard  
Annual Report- Compliance Year 2009

Dear Ms. Whitney:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Montana-Dakota), herewith submits an original and ten copies of its Annual Report regarding compliance with the Renewable Energy Resource Standard pursuant to 69-3-2004 MCA.

Montana-Dakota was required to procure a minimum of 5 percent of its retail sales of electric energy in Montana from eligible renewable resources pursuant to 69-3-2004 (2) MCA.

Montana-Dakota's total electric retail sales in the State of Montana were 700,393,875 Kwh in calendar year 2009. This results in a requirement to provide 35,019,694 Kwh through renewable energy resources in 2009.

Montana-Dakota met that requirement with the electric energy produced out of its 19.5 MW Diamond Willow wind farm located in Fallon County near Baker, Montana. The Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) certified the Diamond Willow 19.5 MW project as an eligible renewable resource in its Notice of Commission Action issued on March 7, 2007.

Montana-Dakota's electric operations are within the boundaries of the Midwest Reliability Organization and the Diamond Willow wind resource was registered on the Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System (M-RETS). The Diamond Willow resource has been designated with an identifier of "M-152" in the M-RETS system. The M-RETS Administrator issues one electronic Certificate for each MWH of energy generated by Diamond Willow and a unique serial number is assigned to each Certificate.

Montana-Dakota transferred the following certificates to its Retirement Subaccount on February 14, 2010 to meet its obligations under Montana's Renewable Resource Standards.

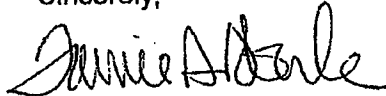
<u>Diamond Willow Certificate</u>	MWH <u>Quantity</u>
Aug-08 152-MT-08-2008-3166-964 to 4379	3,416
Sep-08 152-MT-09-2008-3405-1 to 3913	3,913
Oct-08 152-MT-10-2008-3687-1 to 6445	6,445
Nov-08 152-MT-11-2008-3952-1 to 7538	7,538
Dec-08 152-MT-12-2008-4782-1 to 8542	8,542
Jan-09 152-MT-01-2009-5110-1 to 5166	5,166
Total of Certificates Retired	35,020

The Retirement Subaccount on M-RETS shows the serial numbers of the Certificates retired, the date of retirement, and the reason for retirement. The Retired Certificates cannot be moved or transferred out of the retirement account.

The Commission has access to reports on M-RETS in order to validate the certificates retired to comply with Montana-Dakota's Renewable Resource Standard for calendar year 2009.

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Sincerely,



Tamie A. Aberle  
Pricing and Tariff Manager



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June 2, 2010

Ms. Kate Whitney, Administrator  
Utility Division  
Montana Public Service Commission  
1701 Prospect Avenue  
Helena, MT 59620

RE: Renewable Resource Standard  
Revised Annual Report- Compliance  
Year 2009

Dear Ms. Whitney:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Montana-Dakota), herewith submits an original and ten copies of a Revised Annual Report regarding compliance with the Renewable Energy Resource Standard pursuant to 69-3-2004 MCA.

Montana-Dakota incorrectly used calendar year 2009 electric retail sales in Montana to determine its Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) requirement for Compliance Year 2009.

Montana-Dakota's total electric retail sales in the State of Montana were 694,343,691 Kwh in calendar year 2008 resulting in a requirement to provide 34,717 Mwh through renewable energy resources for compliance year 2009. As reported on March 26, 2010 Montana-Dakota retired 35,020 Mwh of Renewable Energy Certificates on February 14, 2010 to meet its obligations under Montana's Renewable Resource Standards.

Montana-Dakota also incorrectly determined its RPS requirement for Compliance Year 2008. Following is a summary of the revised requirements and REC's retired to date. As shown, Montana-Dakota retired more RECs than needed to meet the requirements of 69-3-2004 (2) MCA as a result of using current year sales in the compliance year.

Montana Renewable Portfolio Compliance Reporting

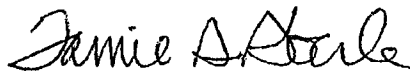
	MT Retail Sales (Kwh)	Compliance Year	Renewable Energy Credits (MWH)		
			Required	Retired	Balance
2007	671,160,173	2,008	33,558	34,718	1/
2008	694,343,691	2,009	34,717	35,020	2/
			68,275	69,738	(1,463)

1/ Retired on 2/24/09 and 10/27/09.

2/ Retired on 2/14/10.

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Sincerely,



Tamie A. Aberle  
Pricing and Tariff Manager

Cc: John Alke