

December 15, 2010

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

RE: Docket No. GS-10-585
Revised Request for Waiver of
49 C.F.R. § 192.285(c)

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith submits a revision to its Application submitted on September 14, 2010, requesting a permanent waiver of the federal pipeline safety regulations, relating to qualification requirements for a person making plastic pipe joints. 49 C.F.R. § 192.285(a) requires persons making plastic joints be qualified under applicable joining procedures and Section 192.285(c) provides those procedures.

Montana-Dakota requested a waiver of the procedures provided in Section 192.285(c) to allow it to re-qualify its employees by an alternate means of assuring qualifications for persons making joints. Pursuant to discussions with Mr. Bob Bachmeier with the North Dakota Public Service Commission's pipeline safety staff; Montana-Dakota herewith requests that the alternate procedure proposed in its September 14, 2010 Application be modified to state:

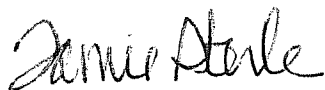
A person must be requalified under an applicable procedure, at least once each calendar year at intervals not exceeding 15 months, if that person does not make any joints under that procedure in the preceding calendar year.

Montana-Dakota had originally proposed that in addition to the above criteria, a person must be requalified if 1 joint or 1 percent of the joints made; whichever is greater, are found unacceptable by testing under 49 C.F.R. § 192.513. The Company is proposing to eliminate this part of the procedure as suggested by Commission Staff.

Montana-Dakota respectfully requests that the Commission approve this request for a waiver of the procedures provided in Section 192.285(c) to allow it to re-qualify its employees by an alternate means of assuring qualifications for persons making joints as set forth above.

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,



Tamie Aberle
Pricing and Tariff Manager

Attachments

cc: Daniel Kuntz