



# MONTANA-DAKOTA

UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

400 North Fourth Street  
Bismarck, ND 58501  
(701) 222-7900

# ORIGINAL

## RECEIVED

JAN 07 2011

January 7, 2011

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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 further revision to its request for a waiver of the procedures provided in 49 C.F.R. Section 192.285(c) and approval of an alternate procedure as submitted on September 14, 2010 and December 15, 2010 in this case.

Pursuant to discussions with Mr. Bob Bachmeier with the North Dakota Public Service Commission's pipeline safety staff, Montana-Dakota requests that the alternate procedure be approved as follows:

***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 or has 1 joint that is found to be unacceptable by testing under 49 C.F.R. § 192.513.***

The requirement that a person must also be requalified if 1 joint is found unacceptable under 49 C.F.R. § 192.513 has been added to the language submitted on December 15, 2010.

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