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**Montana Dakota Utilities Company
Whiting Oil & Gas Corporation – Stark County
Public Convenience & Necessity**

**Case No. PU-10-615
OAH File No. 20100420**

PREHEARING CONFERENCE SUMMARY

A telephonic prehearing conference on this matter was held on December 28, 2010, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The prehearing conference was attended by Mr. Daniel Kuntz for Montana Dakota Utilities Company; Mr. Paul Ebeltoft for Roughrider Electric Cooperative, Inc.; and Mr. Mark Gruman, Commission Staff Counsel; as well as Ms. Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco, Commission Counsel, and Mr. Jerry Lien, Commission Staff.

Counsel discussed with the designated hearing officer, ALJ Allen Hoberg, matters involved in this administrative action, including discovery, issues, witnesses, hearing procedure, anticipated motions, and other preliminary matters. The prehearing conference was digitally recorded.

The parties agree that the issues are as set forth in the Notice of Hearing issued December 8, 2010.

The parties agree to conclude discovery by January 26, 2011.

The parties agree to provide a witness list to the other party, to the Commission, and to the hearing officer by January 26, 2011. The witness list will state each witness the party intends to call at the hearing. If the list contains an expert witness, the list will briefly state the subject matter on which the expert is expected to testify, the substance of the facts and opinions to which

the expert is expected to testify, and a summary of the grounds for each opinion. There will be no pre-filed testimony or pre-filed exhibits.

Mr. Kuntz will present Montana Dakota Utilities case first followed by Mr. Ebeltoft's presentation of Roughrider Electric Cooperative's case. Commission Staff is not presenting a case.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 4th day of January 2011.

State of North Dakota
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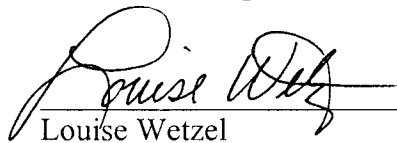
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