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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Ms. Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco, General Counsel
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: North Dakota Public Service Commission
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Case No. PU-11-395,
Application for Advance Determination of Prudence,
and Case No. PU-11-396, Application for Certificate
of Public Convenience and Necessity
OAH File Nos. 2011-0360 and 2011-0361

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

The consolidated hearing for the captioned cases was completed January 10, 2012, in accordance with the notice of hearing. I have delivered to the court reporter the exhibits received at the hearing, and have returned to the Commission the documents filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings for the hearing.

There does not appear to be any requirement for a hearing officer for the further proceedings to be had for the disposition of the case. Accordingly, I have closed the file of the Office of Administrative Hearings for the case.

The Office of Administrative Hearings was pleased to assist the Public Service Commission and the parties for the matter.

Sincerely,



Al. Wahl
Administrative Law Judge