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

Re: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Application
for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for an
88 MW Natural Gas Simple Cycle
Combustion Turbine in Morton County
North Dakota

Case No. PU-11-631

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Montana-Dakota) herewith submits its Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for an 88 MW Natural Gas Simple Cycle Combustion Turbine in Morton County North Dakota. A check payable to the North Dakota Public Service Commission in the amount of \$28,300 is enclosed in accordance with the Commission's Motion assessing such filing fee on October 12, 2011.

Montana-Dakota submitted a Letter of Intent to file an Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility in accordance with North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 49-22-07.1 and North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC) Chapter 69-06-03-01. Montana-Dakota also requested a waiver of the requirement to file the Letter of Intent at least one year prior to the filing of an application for a certificate, pursuant to NDCC Section 49-22-07.2 and NDAC Chapter 69-06-03-01. On October 12, 2011, the Commission acknowledged the Company's Letter of Intent, shortened the one-year waiting period between filing a letter of intent and siting application to sixty days and assessed a filing fee of \$28,300 due upon filing of an application in Case No. PU-11-631.

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The original of this transmittal letter, ten (10) copies of the Application for Certificate of Site Compatibility and an electronic copy of the Application are hereby filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,



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