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Travis R Jacobson
Director of Regulatory Affairs
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
400 North Fourth Street
Bismarck, ND 58501

RE: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Tree and Shrub Mitigation (Case No. PU-11-631 and PU-11-680)

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

MDU's October 1, 2019 letter provided 2019 updated counts for trees and shrubs that are surviving from past years' plantings for projects sited in Case No. PU-11-631 and PU-11-680. MDU stated that 2019 would be the last tree and shrub replacement inspection report unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

After brief communication, you and I agreed that, since 45.3 percent of the trees and shrubs were surviving in 2019 were planted in 2019, MDU will not make additional plantings, but will report to the Commission updated counts for trees and shrubs surviving in the fall of 2021.

Best regards

Patrick Fahn
Director, Public Utilities Division

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