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February 13, 2013

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 and Energy Transmission
Facility Route Permit for Natural Gas
Pipeline to serve the 88 MW Natural Gas
Simple Cycle Combustion Turbine in
Morton County, North Dakota

Case No. PU-11-680

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Montana- Dakota) herewith submits its Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility and Energy Transmission Facility Route Permit for a Natural Gas Pipeline to serve the 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 \$92,000 is enclosed in accordance with the Commission's Motion assessing such filing fee on November 10, 2011.

Montana-Dakota submitted a Letter of Intent to file an Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit 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 November 10, 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 \$92,000 due upon filing of an application in Case No. PU-11-680.

Please refer all inquiries regarding this filing to:

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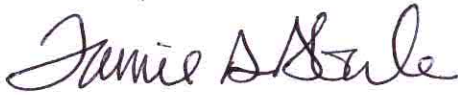
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The original of this transmittal letter, ten (10) copies of the Application for Certificate of Site Compatibility and an electronic copy of the Application are hereby filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tamie A. Aberle".

Tamie A. Aberle
Directory of Regulatory Affairs