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

Re: Natural Gas Rate Increase Application
Case No. PU-15-90

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. herewith electronically submits its responses to Commission questions arising from the September 9, 2015 work session held regarding the above referenced case.

Commissioner Christmann asked, if the distribution delivery charge is eliminated, whether MDU can add a line to the bill to explain the elimination of that charge and show each residential customer what that charge would have been if that charge had not been eliminated.

Montana-Dakota's billing system does have the capability to include information on consumer bills to explain the elimination of the distribution delivery charge and providing what that charge would have been if not eliminated. Space for messaging will be limited however. The Company suggests an alternative would be to explain the change in billing inserts and web-based messaging. This would not be customer specific but examples could be provided.

With regard to the information supplied by Advocacy Staff on September 16, 2015 in response to the Commission's request to run two scenarios where the Large Interruptible Class were given a 1% increase rather than no increase as proposed in the Settlement Agreement, Montana-Dakota offers the following comment:

Montana-Dakota recommends that if an increase is allocated to the Large Interruptible Class, the increase should not be applied to revenues collected under an agreement that is less than the maximum rate. Under this criterion the increase to be collected from the Large Interruptible class would be only \$2,954 to be redistributed to other classes.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'Tamie A. Aberle'.

Tamie A. Aberle
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Attachment

cc: Service List (via email)

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