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Public Service Commission
 Attention: Darrell Nitschke
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In re: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
 2017 Natural Gas Rate Increase
 Case No: PU-17-295

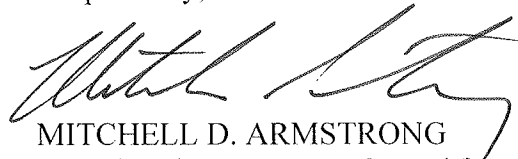
Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing in the above-reference matter are the following:

1. Advocacy Staff's Response to Application for Protection of Information; and
2. Affidavit of Service.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Respectfully,



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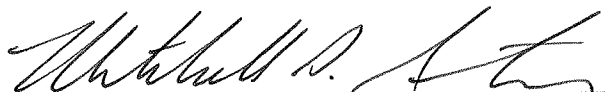
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Siting Application**

Case No. PU-17-295

**ADVOCACY STAFF'S RESPONSE TO
APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION**

On October 25, 2017, MDU filed an application for protection of information requesting protection against public disclosure of certain information pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code §§ 69-02-09-01, 69-02-09-04 and N.D.C.C. §§ 44-04-04-18.4, 47-25.1-01. Advocacy Staff has reviewed the information and request for protection of information and does not contest the designation of the respective information as trade secret.

Dated this 14th day of November, 2017.

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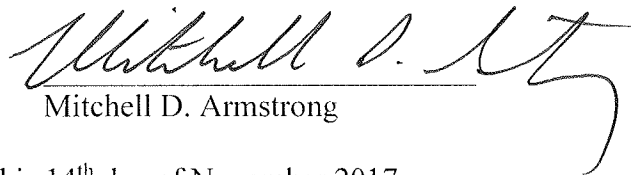
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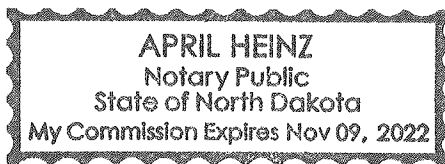
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Subscribed and sworn before me this 14th day of November 2017.





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