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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Darrell Nitschke, Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building, Dept. 408
600 East Boulevard
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In re: Montana Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
2017 Natural Gas Rate Increase Application
Case No. PU-17-295

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter please find the original and seven copies of the following **Public Documents**:

1. Advocacy Staff's Application for Trade Secret Protection for Dante Mugrace's Testimony;
2. Direct Testimony of Karl Pavlovic;
3. Direct Testimony of Marlon Griffing;
4. Direct Testimony of Dante Mugrace (Public Version);
5. Direct Testimony of Sara Cardwell;
6. Affidavit of Service.

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We are also enclosing one copy of the following documents in a sealed envelope labeled “**PROTECTED INFORMATION/TRADE SECRET – PRIVATE**” the following documents:

1. Direct Testimony of Dante Mugrace (Non-Public Version)

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,



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