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January 30, 2020

Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Application for Protective Order
Case No. PU-19-317

Enclosed please find Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Application for a Protective Order submitted pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-01. Also enclosed is a sealed envelope containing the confidential material marked as "TRADE SECRET - PRIVATE", pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-02.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tamie A. Aberle'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tamie A. Aberle
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Encl.

Cc: Paul Sanderson

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Application of)
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.)
for Authority for Deferred Accounting) Case No. PU-19-317
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APPLICATION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-01, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) respectfully requests that the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) assigned in the above referenced case, issue a protective order under N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-04 and N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.4(1) and (2). The purpose of the requested protective order is to protect against public disclosure of information.

I.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission’s (Advocacy Staff) served Montana-Dakota with a discovery request in the above referenced case seeking information the Company believes constitutes information to be protected from public disclosure. The Company requests protection for the following information:

Information Request No. 2.1 requests information related to employee information that is deemed to be confidential information by the Company in order not to divulge employee information that is not readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons.

II.

Montana-Dakota requests an Order protecting the information necessary to respond to Advocacy Staff Information Request No. 2.1 included herein and subsequent submittals of similar nature.

III.

In accordance with N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-02, one copy of the confidential material is provided to the Advocacy Staff in an enclosed sealed envelope labeled TRADE SECRET – PRIVATE.

Dated this 30th day of January 2020.

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
A Subsidiary of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

By: 

Tamie A. Aberle

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