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Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
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RE: Compliance Filing
Case No. GS-20-015

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) electronically submits this filing in compliance with the North Dakota Public Service Commission's (Commission) March 18, 2020 Order (March 18 Order) in the above referenced Case. The March 18 Order requires Montana-Dakota to amend its procedure, specifically *OPS 500 – Regulator Station Inspection and Maintenance (OPS 500)*, by March 30, 2020.

As Montana-Dakota works to mitigate employee risks by providing opportunities for personnel to work from home in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is currently limited staffing at Montana-Dakota's headquarters. Unfortunately, this led to a gap in the mail retrieval processes and delayed the receipt of the March 18 Order until March 30, 2020.

Montana-Dakota respectfully requests an extension of the time required to implement the amended OPS 500 until July 31 for the reasons noted below.

While the Company intended to implement its amended OP 500 on March 12, 2020 as indicated in its February 10, 2020 response to the Commission, the Operations Systems department is actively onboarding compliance tasks into a new compliance tracking software application and the Department is currently experiencing a strain on resources due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to limited resources, Operations Systems has rescheduled the implementation of OPS 500, as amended, to June 2020.

In closing, Montana-Dakota understands the necessity for an amended procedure and is committed to a swift and thorough resolution of this matter. Montana-Dakota now requests an extension to comply with the March 18 Order to provide written documentation of the amended OPS 500 procedure until July 31, 2020.

Please contact Josh Sanders at (701) 222-7773 with questions or comments.

Respectfully Submitted,



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