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Re: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Case No. PU-17-295

Attached are an original and seven copies of two filings submitted on behalf of AARP, a **Petition to Intervene** as well as a **Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice** to allow John B. Coffman to practice before the Commission in the above referenced matter.

As required by Rule 3(A) of the North Dakota Admission to Practice, a copy of the enclosed Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice, Mr. Coffman's affidavit, and a check in the amount of \$380 is being sent to the North Dakota State Board of Law Examiners under separate cover.

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Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice - John B. Coffman

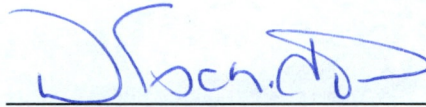
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Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of)
MDU Resources Group, Inc.)
2017 Natural Gas Rate Increase Application)

Case No. PU- PU-I7-295

MOTION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE

COMES NOW David A. Tschider, of the firm Tschider & Smith, 2005 N. Kavaney Drive, Bismarck, ND 58501, and hereby moves the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Rule 3 of the North Dakota Rules of Admission to Practice, for an Order granting the admission of John B. Coffman to appear *pro hac vice* in the above-captioned matter. Grounds for this motion are as follows:

1. John B. Coffman is an attorney with over 31 years of experience as a utility rate expert and attorney. He routinely appears and participates in matters before other state public utility commissions, including rate case appearances in Missouri, Illinois, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, New Jersey, Colorado, South Carolina, and Minnesota. He is best positioned to represent AARP, with the Commission's permission *pro hac vice*, in this proceeding.
2. John B. Coffman is admitted to practice law in the state of Missouri and is a member in good standing of said bar (MoBar #36591). Attached herewith as Exhibit A is John B. Coffman's affidavit as required by Rule 3 of the North Dakota Rules of Admission to Practice.
3. John B. Coffman is not presently and has never been subject to a public disciplinary proceeding.

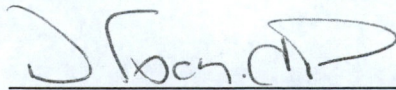
4. John B. Coffman is not under any restriction or probation in the practice of law in any jurisdiction in which he is licensed.
5. John B. Coffman is not and has never been suspended or disbarred from a court in any jurisdiction.
6. Over the past three years, John B. Coffman has only appeared in one North Dakota state court or administrative proceeding where he was granted *pro hac vice* status under North Dakota Supreme Court Rule to Admission to Practice 3: a 2017 MDU natural gas rate case (Case No. PU-17-295) at the North Dakota Public Service Commission.
7. John B. Coffman has concurrently sent a copy of this motion and affidavit to the State Board of Law Examiners.
8. John B. Coffman is remitting to the State Board of Law Examiners the required fee required for *pro hac vice* admission.
9. John B. Coffman is designating Dave Tschider, of the firm Tschider & Smith, 418 E. Rosser Ave., Ste. 200, Bismarck, ND 58501-4046, as an associate attorney, who is admitted and licensed to practice law in the State of North Dakota.
10. Pursuant to Rule 3 of the North Dakota Rules of Admission to Practice, I respectfully request the Commission issue an Order granting permission for John B. Coffman to practice before the Commission *pro hac vice*.

[signature page follows]

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Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of November, 2020.

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EXHIBIT "A"

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. 2020)
Natural Gas Rate Increase Application)

Case No. PU-20-379

AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN B. COFFMAN

I, **JOHN B. COFFMAN** being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that:

1. I am admitted to practice law in the State of Missouri (MoBar# 36591);
2. I am not presently subject to a disciplinary proceeding in any jurisdiction;
3. I am not under any restriction or probation in the practice of law in any jurisdiction;
4. I am not now, nor have I ever been, suspended or disbarred from a Court in any jurisdiction;
5. In the prior three years, I have appeared in one North Dakota actions or proceeding; namely PU 17-295, which was another MDU natural gas rate case. Petitions for Admission Pro Hac Vice were filed with and granted by the North Dakota Supreme Court, pursuant to Rule 3 of the North Dakota Rules of Admission to Practice.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2020.

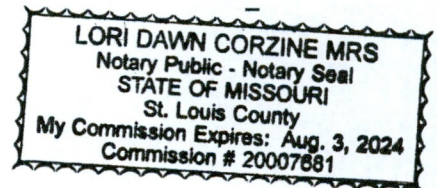
STATE OF MISSOURI)
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS)

I, John B. Coffman, hereby affirm that I have knowledge of the contents of the foregoing verified **MOTION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE** and it is true and accurate to the best of my Knowledge.


Attorney for AARP

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of October, 2020.

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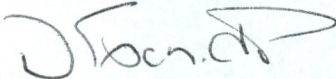
Re: Application for Pro Hac Vice in Natural Gas Rates--**Case No. PU-20-379**
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Natural Gas Rate Case

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached is a copy of an Application for Pro Hac Vice regarding the above referenced matter, along with the petition for which the Pro Hac Vice is being requested. The attorney seeking Pro Hac Vice is John B. Coffman, of St. Louis, Missouri, whose affidavit is attached.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Dave A. Tschider

Enclosures




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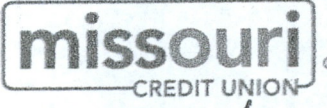
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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
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Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. 2020) Case No. PU-20-379
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the original and seven (7) copies of the foregoing, along with the Motion for Admission Pro Hoc Vice with Affidavit of John B. Coffman, was hand delivered/mailed/emailed, on this 3rd day of November, 2020 to the following:

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