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June 30, 2022

via hand-delivery

Steve Kahl, Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Blvd. Ave. Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Case No. **PU-22-194**

Attached are an original and seven copies of 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. Mr. Coffman has already submitted a check in the amount of \$380 to the North Dakota State Board of Law Examiners to cover his status as a visiting attorney for 2022.

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.            )  
2022 Electric Rate Increase            )  
Application                                    )**

**Case No. PU-22-194**

**MOTION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE**

COMES NOW Dave Tschider, of the firm Tschider & Smith, 418 E. Rosser Ave., Ste. 200, Bismarck, ND 58501-4046, 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 33 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, Arizona, California, Kansas, 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 year, John B. Coffman has appeared in two North Dakota administrative proceedings where he was granted *pro hac vice* status under North Dakota Supreme Court Rule to Admission to Practice 3, in the most recent Xcel NSP electric rate case (Case No. PU-20-441), and the most recent Xcel NSP natural gas rate case (Case No. PU-21-381), both 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 has remitted to the State Board of Law Examiners the required fee required for *pro hac vice* admission for 2022.

9. John B. Coffman is associated in this matter with Dave Tschider, of the firm Tschider & Smith, 418 E. Rosser Ave., Ste. 200, Bismarck, ND 58501-4046, an 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*.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of June, 2022.

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Attached: Exhibit A—Certificate of Good Standing

*The Supreme Court of Missouri*



*Certificate of Admission as an  
Attorney at Law*

I, Betsy AuBuchon, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Missouri, do hereby certify that the records of this office show that on 10/13/1989,

*John Bruce Coffman*

was duly admitted and licensed to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in the Supreme Court of Missouri and all courts of record in this state, and is, on the date indicated below, a member in good standing of this Bar.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the Supreme Court of Missouri at my office in Jefferson City, Missouri, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy AuBuchon".

*Betsy AuBuchon*

Clerk of the Supreme Court of Missouri

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the original and seven (7) copies of the foregoing was hand delivered/mailed/emailed, on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022 to the following:

Executive Secretary Public Service Commission  
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