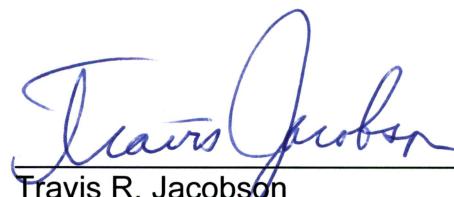


## V. Conclusion

Montana-Dakota is proposing a new rate schedule in response to recent inquiries for service whose size and operations sets these customers apart from the Company's other customers. Montana-Dakota finds value in proactively establishing a new rate schedule that the Company believes recognizes these customers' unique operations and provides these "super users" of energy with a lower overall per unit energy cost while also providing a benefit to all Montana-Dakota customers through lower transmission-related costs. The proposed rate schedule also provides assurances that these new customers will pay the incremental costs incurred for the provision of service to them. Rate 45 also provides an additional resource that the Company can utilize in times of system constraints.

Montana-Dakota respectfully requests Commission approval of High Density Contracted Demand Response Rate 45 and the corresponding changes to its Electric Table of Contents.

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