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

Re: Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment  
Case No. PU-23-010  
November 2023 – Request for a Waiver of Tariff Provision

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) herewith electronically submits a request to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) for approval of a tariff provision waiver regarding the filing requirement in the Company's Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment – Rate 58 (Rate 58).

Rate 58, Section 2 part b states "Montana-Dakota shall file an adjustment to reflect changes in its average cost of electric supply only when the amount of change in such adjustment is at least .001 cents per Kwh."

Montana-Dakota has experienced a significant increase in the overall per unit cost of purchased power during the months of August and September. At this time, the increased purchased power costs have continued into October; however, the impact of October has not been fully realized as of the filing date. The per unit increase is primarily the result of higher purchased power prices in the Regional Transmission Organizations that Montana-Dakota participates. The primary reason for the increase in the per unit pricing is related to congestion within the Southwest Power Pool footprint. The pricing within the Midcontinent Independent System Operator's footprint has been negatively impacted by these system constraints.

The Company has prepared its Rate 58 in accordance with its tariff and the increase in fuel and purchased power costs have increased more than .001 cents per Kwh. For the above noted reasons, Montana-Dakota now requests the Commission approve a waiver of the tariff requirement to "file an adjustment to reflect changes in its average cost of electric supply only when the amount of change in such adjustment is at least .001 cents per Kwh." At this time, the Company's waiver request would remain in effect through service rendered

March 31, 2024 subject to continued review and analysis and agreement of Commission Staff.

Rate 58, Section 2 part b also states “The adjustment to be effective April 1 shall be filed each year, regardless of the amount of the change.” The Company is not requesting a waiver of that tariff provision and, at this time, proposes to file in March 2024 for rates to be effective with service rendered April 1, 2024 and that filing would be inclusive of any undercollected balance resulting from the higher purchased power prices that have not been reflected in the intervening Rate 58 updates.

Montana-Dakota respectfully requests this electronic filing, in lieu of an original and two (2) physical copies, be accepted as being in full compliance with the filing requirements of this Commission.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (701) 222-7855 or [Travis.Jacobson@mdu.com](mailto:Travis.Jacobson@mdu.com).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Travis R. Jacobson*

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