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North Dakota Public Service Commission
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Case No. **PU-26-241**

Attached are an original and seven copies of a **Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice** to allow John B. Coffman to practice before the Public Service Commission in the above referenced matter.

As required by Rule 3(A) of the North Dakota Admission to Practice, a copy of Mr. Coffman's affidavit is attached to the enclosed Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice, along with a certificate of good standing. A check in the amount of $380 has already been submitted to the North Dakota State Board of Law Examiners to cover Mr. Coffman's status as a visiting attorney for 2026.

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

Sincerely,

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Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of John B Coffman with Attachments
AARP North Dakota
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	)	
2023 Electric Rate Increase	)	**Case No. PU-26-241**
Application	)	

MOTION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE

COMES NOW Dave Tschider, of the firm Tschider & Smith, 2005 N. Kavaney Dr., Suite 100, Bismarck, ND 58501, who 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 has over 35 years of experience as an attorney and utility rate expert. He routinely appears and participates in matters before other state public utility commissions, including rate case appearances in Missouri, Illinois, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Arizona, New Jersey, Colorado, South Carolina, Arizona, California, Kansas, Alaska, 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). See, Exhibit "B". Attached herewith as Exhibit "A" is the affidavit of John B. Coffman, 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. John B. Coffman has appeared in several North Dakota administrative proceedings in which he was granted *pro hac vice* status under North Dakota Supreme Court Admission to Practice Rule 3A. Over the past three years, attorney Coffman was granted pro hac vice status in two (2) other North Dakota rate cases; namely Northern States Power (Case No. PU-24-241) and Montana-Dakota Utilities (Case No. PU-23-341).
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 of $380.00 for pro hac vice admission for 2026.
9. John B. Coffman is associated in this matter with undersigned counsel, David A. Tschider, 2005 N. Kavaney Dr., Suite 100, Bismarck, ND 58501, 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 22nd day of October, 2026.

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Attached: Exhibit A—Affidavit

Exhibit B—Certificate of Good Standing

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. **2027 Natural Gas Rate Increase** **Application**	)))	**Case No. PU-26-0241**

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF

MOTION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE

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. Over the past three years, John B. Coffman appeared in another North Dakota administrative proceeding in which he was granted *pro hac vice* status under North Dakota Supreme Court Rule to Admission to Practice 3. Like this rate case, that

Exhibit A

previous case was another MDU natural gas utility rate cases at the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Case No. PU-23-341).

Dated this 19th day of October, 2026.

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS)

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

John B. Coffman
Attorney for AARP

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of October 2026.

Notary Public

MARY K. NAKAZONO
Notary Public, Notary Seal
State of Missouri
St. Louis County
Commission # 12480396
My Commission Expires 07-25-2028

Exhibit A

The Supreme Court of Missouri

Certificate of Admission as an Attorney at Law

I, Betsy Ledgerwood, 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 1st day of October, 2026.

Betsy Ledgerwood

Clerk of the Supreme Court of Missouri

EXHIBIT B

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the original and seven (7) copies of the Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice, with attachments "A" and "B", and was hand delivered/mailed/emailed, on this 22nd day of September, 2026 to the following:

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