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Memorandum

May 4, 2012

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From: Brian Dekiep
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RE: Data requests in Docket D2012.3.24

Enclosed please find Montana Public Service Commission Data Requests PSC-001 through PSC-004 to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) in the above-referenced docket. When responding, please begin the response to each new numbered data request on a new page. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Dekiep at (406) 444-3772.

Enclosure

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Service Date: May 4, 2012

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF the Petition of Montana) REGULATORY DIVISION
Dakota Utilities Co. for Certification of Eligible)
Renewable Resources and Community Renewable) DOCKET NO. D2012.3.24
Energy Resources)

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DATA REQUESTS PSC-001
THROUGH PSC-004 TO MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.**

PSC-001

Regarding: Electrical circuits and interconnections
Witness: Unknown

- a. MDU asserts that Diamond Willow I and Diamond Willow II are separate facilities with separate circuits connecting them to a 57KV transmission line. Please provide an electrical diagram of Diamond Willow I and II and a detailed description of their electrical configuration.
- b. MDU states that MISO allows the two facilities to be treated as one for interconnection purposes. Please provide a copy of the interconnection agreements for Diamond Willow I and II, as well as Cedar Hills (electronic version is acceptable if document is significant in length).
- c. Please provide a description of and any supporting material relating to the separate financing of Diamond Willow I and II. If the facilities are not separately financed, please provide the appropriate documents.

PSC-002

Regarding: Finance and timeline of construction
Witness: Unknown

- a. Please provide documentation and supporting information relating to the purchase of turbines, towers, and additional equipment for Diamond Willow I and II.
- b. In its petition, MDU explains that Diamond Willow I and II have separate construction, completion, and operational dates. Please provide a time line for Diamond Willow I and II.

PSC-003

Regarding: Deliverability of Cedar Hills to Montana

Witness: Unknown

- a. Please explain and provide supporting documentation for how the Cedar Hills facility is delivering energy into Montana.
- b. MDU explains that it operates its system as an integrated three-state system. Please explain how the system is operated and how the system is connected to Montana. Please provide descriptions as well as any applicable maps and electric diagrams that were not provided in the previous response.

PSC-004

Regarding: Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System

Witness: Unknown

- a. Please explain why Diamond Willow in the Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System (MRETS) is a single plant with an operational date of 2008 and a nameplate of 30MW, rather than being separated into two distinct plants.
- b. Please provide any documents or correspondence submitted to MRETS to register or update the registration of Diamond Willow I and II.