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January 23, 2013

Mr. Robert Nelson
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Re: General Gas Rate Application
Docket No. D2012.9.100

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. electronically submits its responses to the Montana Consumer Counsel's data requests dated January 11, 2013. Responses to the following requests are attached:

MCC-140	MCC-156
MCC-146	MCC-157
MCC-147	MCC-159
MCC-148	MCC-160
MCC-149	

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads 'Rita A. Mulkern'.

Rita A. Mulkern
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Attachments
cc: Service List

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
MONTANA CONSUMER COUNSEL
DATA REQUEST
DATED JANUARY 11, 2013
DOCKET NO. D2012.9.100**

**MCC-140 RE: NET SALVAGE
 WITNESS: ROBINSON**

Please identify the dollar amount of cost of removal incurred, by account, for accounts 376 and 380 by year for the past 10 years associated with emergency retirement activity.

Response:

Construction work for emergency property replacements are not specifically identified in the work order or fixed asset systems.

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
MONTANA CONSUMER COUNSEL
DATA REQUEST
DATED JANUARY 11, 2013
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**MCC-146 RE: NET SALVAGE
 WITNESS: ROBINSON**

Please identify the number of services and linear feet of mains retired by year for the past 10 years that were not associated with replacement activity.

Response:

This information is not readily available for retirements associated with replacement activity, i.e. a retirement only or abandonment of mains and services.

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DATA REQUEST
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**MCC-147 RE: NET SALVAGE
 WITNESS: ROBINSON**

When replacement activity occurs and costs are incurred, please provide the allocation of costs between cost of removal and cost of the new installation by activity by account for accounts 376 and 380, by year, for the past 10 years. Further, for each allocation factor employed, provide the actual percentage for each activity or the level at which the percentage allocated or is employed, along with all underlying support, studies, analyses, documentation, etc. associated with the development of the allocation factor.

Response:

Montana-Dakota does not allocate costs between additions and retirements. Costs are directly assigned to retirement and addition accounts by work order.

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**MCC-148 RE: ACCOUNT 390 COMMON
 WITNESS: ROBINSON**

Please provide a detailed description (e.g., physical location, type of construction, square feet, when built, etc.) for each of the 10 largest investments in Account 390 – General Structures Common Plant. For each of the 10 largest investments, identify whether the investment is owned or leased.

Response:

Please see Attachment A.

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
MCC-148 Ten Largest General Plant Structures by Investment
Common 390 Account - All Owned
As of December 31, 2012

Building	Location	390 Account Balance	Type of Construction	Year Built	Size (Sq. Ft)	Current Use
Billings Office	Billings, MT	\$4,341,473.19	Steel with brick exterior	2007	32,680	Construction and maintenance warehouse and shop primarily supporting the Billing's District's operations and the main operations office for the Rocky Mountain Region
MDU General Office	Bismarck, ND	5,309,559.38	Steel with precast exterior	1968	65,224	Main administrative and operations office for Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Bismarck Service Center	Bismarck, ND	4,456,772.65	Steel with brick/metal exterior	1984	101,767	Construction and maintenance warehouse, shop, and office primarily supporting the Bismarck District's operations
MDU Resources Corporate Office	Bismarck, ND	5,470,791.60	Steel with precast exterior	2005	90,752	Main administrative office for MDU Resources Group, Inc. Amount presented represents Montana-Dakota Utilities Co's 13% ownership
Glendive District Office & Service Center	Glendive, MT	1,529,677.39	Steel with EIFS/metal exterior	1995	25,124	Construction and maintenance warehouse, shop, and office primarily supporting the Glendive District's operations
Sheridan District Office	Sheridan, WY	1,117,566.19	Wood stud with EIFS/stone veneer exterior	2004	6,250	Main operations office for the Sheridan District
Sheridan Service Center	Sheridan, WY	855,683.80	Steel with metal exterior	1979	18,425	Construction and maintenance warehouse and shop primarily supporting the Sheridan District's operations
Badlands Region Office & Service Center	Dickinson, ND	2,152,318.31	Steel with brick/metal exterior	1982	33,800	Construction and maintenance warehouse and shop primarily supporting the Dickinson District's operations and the main operations office for the Badlands Region
Williston Employee Trailer Park	Williston, ND	2,072,792.09	Vinyl Siding	2012	20,660	Land improvements/10 Mobile Homes & one 4-Plex @ Employee Mobile Home Park MDU employee and contractor housing
Aircraft Hangar	Bismarck, ND	714,588.22	Steel with metal exterior	2009	14,975	Maintenance and hangar for corporate aircraft
Total		<u>\$28,021,222.82</u>				
Total Other Structures & Improvements		\$ 7,008,416.49				
Total 390 Account-Common		<u>\$35,029,639.31</u>				

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**MCC-149 RE: ACCOUNT 390 COMMON
 WITNESS: ROBINSON**

Please identify each time in the last 20 years when the Company retired one of its general office structure in Account 390 Common Plant, or terminated a lease and moved to a new location. For each such instance, identify the dollar level of retirements, a description of what was retired, along with corresponding cost of removal and net salvage.

Response:

Please see Attachment A.

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
MCC-149 Ten Largest General Plant Structures Retirements
Common 390 Account
As of December 31, 2012

Building	Location	Year Retired	390 Account Balance	Cost of Removal	Salvage
Schuchart Building	Bismarck, ND	07/31/01	3,302,689.44	0.00	(4,593,548.51)
Billings Office Building	Billings, MT	12/31/06	368,352.37	4,000.00	(330,000.00)
Bismarck Dist. Office Building	Bismarck, ND	11/30/09	534,298.00	38,904.00	(526,443.80)
Sheridan Office Building	Sheridan, WY	12/31/04	983,302.83	4,500.00	(638,829.00)
Forsyth Office Building	Forsyth, MT	05/31/96	139,236.18	627.00	(67,504.37)
Gettysburg Office Building	Gettysburg, SD	05/31/96	21,826.80	99.64	(7,533.00)
Glendive Warehouse	Glendive, MT	11/30/99	311,956.52	3,088.93	(23,000.00)
Glendive Office	Glendive, MT	12/31/95	147,380.00	562.00	(51,715.84)
Hebron Office	Hebron, ND	12/31/95	15,391.18	520.00	(13,010.00)
Ray Office	Ray, ND	09/30/99	44,257.16	0.00	(5,000.00)
Terry Office	Terry, MT	12/31/95	37,836.34	259.00	(19,401.10)
Total			5,906,526.82	52,560.57	(6,275,985.62)

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**MCC-156 RE: ACCOUNT 376
 WITNESS: ROBINSON**

Please segregate the investment in Account 376.1 – Distribution Steel Mains between bare steel, coated steel, and wrapped steel, as well as when each type of investment was first installed in the system and when the Company no longer installed such type of main.

Response:

Montana-Dakota does not track steel mains by bare, coated, or wrapped.

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**MCC-157 RE: ACCOUNT 376
 WITNESS: ROBINSON**

Please identify the dollar level of retirements, by year, associated with Account 376.1 – Distribution Steel Mains by type of pipe (i.e., bare, wrapped, coated, etc.). The information should be provided on electronic medium in Excel readable format.

Response:

Please see Response No. MCC-156.

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**MCC-159 RE: ACCOUNT 380.1
 WITNESS: ROBINSON**

Please segregate the investment in Account 380.1 – Distribution Steel Services between bare steel, coated steel, and wrapped steel, as well as when each type of investment was first installed in the system and when the Company no longer installed such type of main.

Response:

Please see Response No. MCC-156.

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MCC-160 RE: ACCOUNT 380.1

Please identify the dollar level of retirements, by year, associated with Account 380.1 – Distribution Steel Services by type of pipe (i.e., bare, wrapped, coated, etc.). The information should be provided on electronic medium in Excel readable format.

Response:

Please see Response No. MCC-156.