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January 8, 2013

Ms. Rita A. Mulkern  
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Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
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RE: Data Request in Docket D2012.9.100

Dear Ms. Mulkern

Enclosed please find Montana Public Service Commission data request PSC-041 through PSC-052 to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. regarding the application and supporting testimonies in the above-referenced docket. If you have any questions, please contact me at (406) 444-6184.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely,

Dagan Lynch  
Rate Analyst  
Montana Public Service Commission

Enclosure

cc: Service list

Service Date: January 8, 2013

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

IN THE MATTER OF the Application of ) REGULATORY DIVISION  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Authority to )  
Establish Increased Rates for Natural Gas ) DOCKET NO. D2012.9.100  
Service in the State of Montana )

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DATA REQUEST PSC-041 THROUGH  
PSC-052 TO MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITES CO.**

PSC-041

Regarding: Base Salary for Stock Ownership

Witness: Jones

- a. What is the required multiple of base salary for stock ownership for each company officer?
- b. Are all officers in compliance – if not who and why not?
- c. Is any of this stock from the Total Rewards Program a restricted shares program?
- d. If (c) is yes, how much and to which company officer?

PSC-042

Regarding: Real properties

Witness: Applicable Witness

- a. Please list for all properties that are included in regulated rate base that are not being used for regulated purposes, a property description, original cost book value, depreciation, net book value, and market value, if known.
- b. Please list all properties that are obsolete, listed to be disposed of, or presently being disposed of, the carrying value of the property, status (whether sold or not), and selling price.
- c. Please provide for all disposed of properties since 2008, a property description, original cost book value, depreciation, net book value, and selling price.

## PSC-043

Regarding: Year-end departmental summary expense statements and balance sheets  
Witness: Applicable Witness

For the years 2010 and 2011 please provide copies of MDU's year-end departmental summary expense statements and balance sheets.

## PSC-044

Regarding: Rate of Return, etc.  
Witness: Applicable Witness

Please provide a copy of the testimony filed by MDU and the response testimony provided by intervenors on rate of return, cost of capital and capital structure in the two most recent rate applications for the jurisdictions MDU operates in other than Montana.

## PSC-045

Regarding: Postretirement medical benefits for employees under age 65  
Witness: Jones

- a. Please explain MDU's current plans for changes to its postretirement medical benefits for employees under age 65.
- b. Identify all expenses included in this case that pertain to postretirement medical benefits and, if applicable, provide an adjustment which reflects a reduction in expenses related to post test-year reduction in postretirement medical benefits.

## PSC-046

Regarding: Regulated and non-regulated expenses  
Witness: Jones

- a. How do employees report their time between regulated and non-regulated activities?
- b. How are the travel costs for employees reported for regulated and non-regulated activities?
- c. Provide an example of how this is reported.

## PSC-047

Regarding: Stock Based Compensation  
Witness: Jones

Provide all work papers, analyses, memos and other documentation that support the calculated stock compensation cost.

## PSC-048

Regarding: Rate Base  
Witness: Applicable

Please confirm that there is no post year test year plant in service included in the gas utility rate base. If there is posttest year plant in service in the gas utility rate base, provide a schedule that shows the amount.

## PSC-049

Regarding: Rate Base  
Witness: Applicable

Please provide a complete electronic copy of Statement C, Summary of Plant in Service – 12 Month Average ended December 31, 2011, with supporting work papers and all links intact.

## PSC-050

Regarding: Lobbying Expenses  
Witness: Applicable

Is MDU currently recovering or proposing to recover lobbying expenses from rate payers? If so please provide all work papers, analyses, memos and other documentation that support the lobbying contributions that the Company proposes to include in the gas utility revenue requirement.

## PSC 051

Regarding: Contract Customers  
Witness: Applicable Witness

- a. Does MDU have any contract customers in MT?
- b. Please identify each contract transportation customer, the annual volume transported for each and explain how (and at what estimated cost) each of these customers could have by passed MDU's system for gas deliveries.
- c. Please provide a list of all current MDU contract customers and the maturity dates of those contracts.

## PSC-052

Regarding: Liability Insurance  
Witness: Applicable

- a. When did MDU last investigate the costs of its property and liability premiums?
- b. What was the result of those quotes compared to the company's current premiums?
- c. What is MDU's average deductible that must be paid on all insured property and liability insurance policies?