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July 10, 2013

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

Dear Ms. Mulkern

Enclosed please find Montana Public Service Commission data requests PSC-167 through PSC-172 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) 444-6185.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Dalton  
Rate Analyst  
Montana Public Service Commission

Enclosure

cc: Service list

Service Date: July 10, 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 REQUESTS  
PSC-167 THROUGH PSC-172 TO MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.**

PSC-167

Regarding: Billings Landfill Project  
Witness: Morman

For each phase in the Billings Landfill Project, please provide the expected level of production over the upcoming 15 year period.

PSC-168

Regarding: Exhibit No.\_\_(TAA-7)  
Witness: Aberle

a. Does Exhibit No.\_\_(TAA-7) differ in any way from the Statement L that was provided in response to data request PSC-006(a) on January 14, 2013? If so, please provide Exhibit No.\_\_(TAA-7) in working electronic MS Excel format, with all links and formulas intact.

b. Do the corrections to allocation factor No. 2 and allocation factor No. 5 change any of MDU's recommendations for rate design or revenue requirement by customer class in this docket?

PSC-169

Regarding: distribution mains  
Witness: Aberle

Does MDU believe it would be appropriate to collect the costs of mains during only the time of peak day demand or during only MDU's peak heating season?

## PSC-170

Regarding: allocation factor 45 and 46  
Witness: Aberle

- a. Please explain which customers are being referenced in the statement “including volumes being delivered to transmission level customers (in all rate classes) that are not utilizing distribution mains” on pages 5 and 6 of Ms. Aberle’s rebuttal testimony.
- b. Please explain where the customers discussed in part (a) of this question receive service on MDU’s distribution system.
- c. How many customers from each rate class are considered “transmission level customers” as referenced in part (a) to this question?
- d. Please explain why MDU believes the customers referenced in part (a) do not utilize MDU’s distribution mains.
- e. Please provide worksheets which support MDU’s calculation of allocation factor 45 as referenced in the table on Page 6 of Ms. Aberle’s rebuttal testimony.

## PSC-171

Regarding: Customer class revenue requirement  
Witness: Aberle

- a. Would MDU benefit if the Commission were to accept MDU’s proposed distribution of revenue requirement among customer classes compared to the revenue requirement distribution among customer classes proposed in Mr. Donkin’s testimony? If so, what are the benefits to MDU?
- b. If more of MDU’s revenue requirement is shifted to the large customer groups, would MDU’s revenue stream become less stable, more stable, or remain the same?

## PSC-172

Regarding: Distribution delivery stabilization mechanism (DDSM)  
Witness: Aberle

- a. If the Commission were to accept MDU’s proposed DDSM, would MDU’s revenue stream become more stable, less stable, or remain the same?
- b. Do you believe the Commission should consider stability of revenues when determining MDU’s return on equity?