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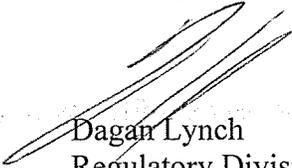
Mr. Thorvald Nelson
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RE: Data Request in Docket D2015.6.51

Dear Mr. Nelson,

Enclosed please find a data request of the Montana Public Service Commission, numbered PSC-88 through PSC-093, to the Montana Large Customer Group in the docket referenced above. If you have any questions, please contact me at (406) 444-6184.

Sincerely,



Dagan Lynch
Regulatory Division
Montana Public Service Commission

Enclosure

cc: Service List

Service Date: December 7, 2015

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 Company for)
Authority to Establish Increased Rates for) DOCKET NO. D2015.6.51
Electric Service in the State of Montana)

DATA REQUESTS PSC-088 THROUGH PSC-093 OF THE
MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO
LARGE CUSTOMER GROUP

PSC-088

Regarding: Test Year
Witness: Higgins

- a. Have you included any pro forma adjustments based on projected 2016 expenses? If so, please list those adjustments.
- b. If the answer to the above question is yes, please justify your reasoning for including the 2016 expenses.
- c. If the answer to section a. of the data request is yes, please provide an updated revenue requirement calculation using your changes for only the 2015 expenses you have accepted.

PSC-089

Regarding: Decommission Costs
Witness: Higgins

- a. Please provide further justification for reducing the amortization period from ten years to five years. Is it your position that expenses should simply be reduced because you feel in general the customer increase is too large?

PSC-090

Regarding: Plant Additions

Witness: Higgins

- a. Please explain how you have deduced MDU is overstating its actual investment in plant and service. Please provide your quantitative workpapers. Workpapers should be in electronic format.

PSC-091

Regarding: Plant Additions

Witness: Higgins

- a. Regarding your addition of fuel and purchase power, please explain your assumptions for the amount you used to add back into the expense. Explain such things as PPA lengths of time, transmission costs, etc...

PSC-092

Regarding: Environmental Cost Recovery Rider

Witness: Higgins

- a. Please explain and describe the appropriate place to address the environmental cost recovery rider.

PSC-093

Regarding: Transmission Cost Recovery Rider

Witness: Higgins

- a. Please explain and describe the appropriate place to address the transmission cost recovery rider.