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December 27, 2012

Mr. David Barrett
Director, Central Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

RE: NOTICE OF AMENDMENT – CPF 3-2012-1009M

Dear Mr. Barrett;

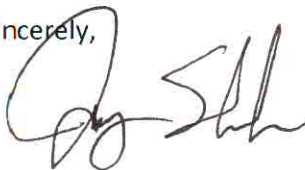
This letter is to serve as Montana-Dakota Utilities (MDU) response to the Notice of Amendment (Notice) dated November 28, 2012 in docket CPF 3-2012-1009M.

MDU has reviewed the Notice and does not contend any of the apparent inadequacies and at this time does not seek clarification for any items. To address the Response Options for Pipeline Operators in Compliance Proceedings paragraph II, Procedures for Responding to a NOTICE OF AMMENDMENT, MDU selects subparagraph a and is hereby notifying PHMSA of our plans.

To date MDU has addressed certain sections and the related processes, procedures, roles and responsibilities have been updated to meet some of the inadequacies stated. With the letter being received late November, MDU requests until March 31, 2013 to address the remaining sections and will provide written explanation of the changes or updates which we believe will meet or exceed the requirements.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Bob Morman at 701-222-7870.

Sincerely,



Mr. Jay Skabo
Vice President Operations