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January 7, 2013

Mr. Jay Skabo
Vice President Operations
Montana – Dakota Utilities Co.
400 North Fourth St.
Bismarck, ND 58501

**Re: CPF 3-2012-1009M
Extension of Time**

Dear Mr. Skabo:

PHMSA's Central Region office has received your request for a 90-day time extension to prepare a response to the Notice of Amendment (NOA) issued on November 28, 2012. In summary, the NOA requested amendments to your manual of written procedures to address control room management.

Central Region has reviewed the time extension request and grants the 90-day extension of time to March 31, 2013, for Montana-Dakota Utilities to submit a response to the NOA. In your continuing correspondence on this issue, please refer to CPF 3-2012-1009M and for each document you submit, provide a copy in electronic format whenever possible.

Sincerely,

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