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BY OVERNIGHT MAIL

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**Re: Joint Application of MDU Resources Group, Inc. and Cascade
Natural Gas Corporation for Order Authorizing Proposed Transaction**

Dear Ms. Washburn,

Enclosed for filing are the original and twelve (12) copies of the Joint Application of MDU Resources Group, Inc. ("MDU Resources") and Cascade Natural Gas Corporation ("Cascade") (sometimes hereinafter jointly referred to as "Applicants") for an Order Authorizing Proposed Transaction. Also enclosed is a CD containing electronic copies of the Joint Application and supporting testimony and exhibits in Adobe Acrobat file format.

Persons authorized on behalf of MDU Resources to receive notices and communications with respect to this Joint Application are:

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To be helpful to the parties and in an effort to expedite the proceedings, Applicants will accept and respond to data requests on the Joint Application expeditiously. Additionally, MDU Resources has created an Electronic Document Room containing the documents listed in the Index provided as Appendix 2 to the Joint Application. These documents are intended to anticipate initial discovery needs and provide parties with a solid foundation of knowledge pertaining to MDU Resources. Provisions for access to the Electronic Document Room can be arranged by registering via the internet at <http://publicinfo.montana-dakota.com> or by contacting the following representative of MDU Resources:

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Please acknowledge receipt by stamping or initialing the duplicate copy of this letter attached hereto and returning the same in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald R. Ball". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "D".

Donald R. Ball
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cc: Service List from Cascade Docket No. UG-060256

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