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Planning Department

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Lisa Seaman, GIS Coordinator
City of Rapid City
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Dear Lisa,

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. is currently in the process of building a GIS and has started fieldwork in the Rapid City area. As we discussed during our short meeting last month, we would like to use your geodata in our GIS.

Montana-Dakota's facility capture process involves placing our facilities so that they are relationally accurate to lots and blocks. Our philosophy has been to utilize available landbase where it exists. By making use of existing city and county landbase, we believe that our facilities will be more accurately positioned relative to those of the organization providing the landbase. We also recognize that cities, such as Rapid City, have developed a more spatially accurate landbase than is generally available.

One of the many benefits to both the city and Montana-Dakota will be the future coordination of underground facility placement. The ability to overlay our utilities on the same landbase is of significant value to both of us.

Our landbase model is relatively simple. At a minimum, we need the following features so that we can position and georeference our facilities.

- Lots with lot numbers (and dimensions if available)
- Blocks with block numbers
- Subdivisions with subdivision names
- Platted utility easements (and dimensions if available)
- Road centerlines with road names (and address range if available)

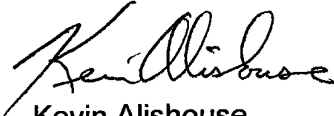
In addition, the following annotation and features are included in our database. We would be interested in any that you have available.

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Parcels (and dimensions if available)
Street and alley dimensions
Vacated right of way
City limits

Montana-Dakota is interested in sharing. Please let us know what must be done next. We will start the actual data load in April so time is of the essence. If you have any questions, please call me at 701-222-7873 or e-mail me at kevin.alishouse@mdu.com.

Sincerely,



Kevin Alishouse
GIS Manager