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PSC Schedules Public Input Sessions for Proposed MDU Electric Rate Increase

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold public input sessions on Jan. 23 and 25 regarding a request from Montana Dakota Utilities (MDU) to increase its rates for electric service.

The proposed increase is for \$13.4 million annually over current rates, or a 6.6 percent overall increase. The proposed increase to residential electric customers is 9.4 percent. If approved, rates would increase for residential customers by an average of about \$9.60 a month.

Public input sessions will be held on two separate days via interactive television from locations across the state. The public will also be able to listen to the public input session via webcast and submit questions via e-mail. Officials from MDU will provide a presentation and give those attending a chance to ask questions about the proposal. Public input sessions are not considered part of the formal technical hearing, but the PSC Commissioners will be attending and using the information gathered at the sessions to identify areas of concern that may require further investigation during the formal technical hearing, which will be held on April 10.

Note to the Media: A detailed list of the meeting locations is included on the next page, along with instructions for listening to the sessions via webstream.

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Public Service Commission – Public Input Sessions
MDU Electric Rate Increase (Case # PU-16-666)

Monday, Jan. 23rd – 7:30 p.m. CST

Public Service Commission
Hearing Room, 12th Floor State Capitol
*Please use South Entrance
600 E. Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58505

NDSU Research Center
Ernie French Center, WREC Meeting Room
14120 Highway 2
Williston, ND 58801

Dickinson State University
Klinefelter, Room 216
291 Campus Drive
Dickinson, ND 58601

Wednesday, Jan. 25th – 12 p.m. CST

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To listen via webstream:

- Visit the web address <http://education.video.nd.gov>
- Login using email: guest@meeting.edu
Password: meeting
- Questions can be submitted via e-mail during the session to vschock@nd.gov