

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of
MDU Resources Group, Inc.
Extension of Service Area - US BioEnergy
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-09-649

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

September 29, 2009

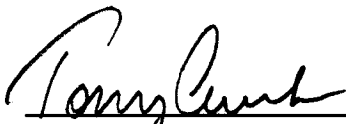
The Commission's July 25, 2007 Order in Case No. PU-07-270 granted to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU), a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction and operation of a natural gas distribution line to serve US BioEnergy, a new ethanol production facility near Hankinson, North Dakota. In this proceeding, MDU requests that the certificated area be expanded to allow MDU to provide natural gas transportation service to customer locations beyond the existing line. The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Need for the service.
2. Fitness and ability of applicant to provide service.
3. Effect on other public utilities providing similar service.
4. Adequacy of proposed service.
5. The technical, financial, and managerial ability of the applicant to provide service.

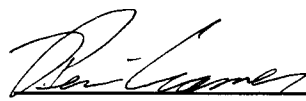
Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding(s) and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by **November 13, 2009**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine this matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary, at least 24 hours in advance.

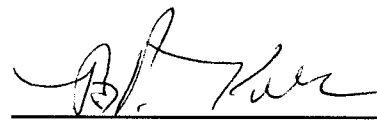
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