

League university. In some states, like Minnesota, sex offenders treatment costs more than five times more than keeping offenders in prison. And those estimates do not include the considerable legal expenses necessary to commit someone.

The programs have created a political quandary for lawmakers who desperately need to cut spending in the midst of a recession but don't want to be seen as soft on rapists and child molesters.

"I've heard people in a lot of the states quietly say, 'Oh, my God, I wish we'd never gotten this law,'" said W. Lawrence Fitch, a professor at the University of Maryland School of Law. "No one would ever dare offer repeal because it's just untenable."

The laws target sex offenders who are considered likely to strike again. When one of them is close to finishing a prison sentence, prosecutors file a civil case to prove that person still threatens the public and needs treatment. If the court agrees, the prisoner is committed in much the same way that someone with a serious mental illness would be sent to an institution.

The heavy financial burden of treating confined sex offenders has left lawmakers with less money as they make agonizing cuts to areas like education and health care. Politicians who spent years cracking down on sex crimes now struggle to pay for their tougher laws.

"It's easy to say, 'Lock everybody up and throw away the key,'" said state Rep. Michael Paymar, a St. Paul Democrat who heads a public safety budget panel. "But it's just not practical."

The laws have withstood legal challenges all the way to the Supreme Court. They are considered constitutional as long as their purpose is treatment, not detention. But living up to that standard can cost far more than traditional prison. And the costs persist for years because most inmates will never be released.

The programs have given rise to new and bigger treatment centers: California opened a 1,500-bed facility for sexual predators in 2005. Minnesota opened a 400-bed building last year and plans another expansion at Moose Lake, 110 miles north of the Twin Cities.

The Moose Lake complex, located just off the highway leading to this woody Minnesota town, looks like a medium-security prison, with layers of secure doors and guards monitoring cell blocks of patients.

More than 400 men live there behind tall fences topped with razor wire. They spend their days shuffling between meals, group therapy sessions and activities such as painting state park signs.

The confinement is costly mainly because of the need to hire behavioral therapists, social workers, psychologists and psychiatrists.

For every 25 to 50 offenders, there is a five- to six-

the expansion of the Moose Lake facility. They eventually gave him slightly more than half that amount, despite a growing deficit of \$1 billion.

"We have to cut something else to pay for it," said Sen. Linda Berglin, a Minneapolis Democrat who supervises the budget for civil-commitment cases as head of a health and welfare spending

ers questioned the cost and constitutional issues. Vermont legislators rejected a similar proposal.

There is also the continuing debate about whether psychological treatment of sex offenders has any real effect on making predators less threatening.

Fitch, the Maryland expert, said research sug-

any outcry about the money involved.

Wisconsin has released 61 sex offenders since adopting a civil-commitment system in 1994. But in Minnesota, no one has ever gotten out. One man was released provisionally but got pulled back for a technical violation and later died in confinement.

Linehan, a repeat sex offender who had served 27 years in prison for kidnapping a 14-year-old babysitter found strangled in 1965.

After public outrage, Gov. Arne Carlson called the Legislature into a one-day special session to broaden the civil commitment statute. Linehan was swiftly recommitted.

Even as he questioned Minnesota's spending, Paymar chose his words carefully. "No one wants to be — certainly here in this body — perceived to be soft on sex offenders," he said.

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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TERMINAL ADDITION & REHABILITATION JAMESTOWN REGIONAL AIRPORT ADM. DON WEISS FIELD AIP No. 3-38-0028-029 JAMESTOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

Notice is hereby given, that sealed bids will be received for the Terminal Addition & Rehabilitation Project at the Jamestown Regional Airport, in Jamestown, North Dakota. Bids will be received, by the Jamestown Regional Airport Authority, at the Airport Manager's Office until 2:00 P.M. (CT), Friday, July 9th, 2010 at which time the Airport Authority will publicly open and read aloud same. Digital copies of the Bidding Documents are available at [www.interstateeng.com](http://www.interstateeng.com) or [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com) for a fee of \$20.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Bid Documents" tab and by entering Quest Project Number 1129874 on the "Search Projects" page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at (952) 233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com). Paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Docunet Corp. located at 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441, phone (763) 475-9600, for a fee of \$130.00 per set. The bidding and contract documents may also be examined at the Interstate Engineering office located at 1903 12th Ave. S.W., Jamestown, North Dakota, the EAPC Architects Engineers office located at 121 East Broadway Ave., Bismarck, North Dakota or the office of the Airport Manager. Any technical questions may be directed to Steve Aldinger PE at (701) 252-0234 or Brett Donat AIA at (701) 224-7306.

The project will consist of:  
- The addition of a 4,889 sf public terminal area to the existing Terminal Building and remodeling of a portion of the existing Terminal Building at the Jamestown Regional Airport. Also included in this project is site work required to complete the new addition and connection to the city sewer system. Each bid will be submitted on the basis of a cash payment for work. It will be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the above mentioned Airport Authority and shall be designated that the bid is for "Terminal Addition & Rehabilitation". The bid shall be accompanied by a separate envelope containing a Bidder's Bond in the amount of five (5%) of the bid, executed by the Bidder as Principal and by a Surety Company authorized to do business in this State. If the Principal's Bid is accepted by the Airport Authority and the contract awarded to him, he, within fifteen (15) days after the Notice of Award, will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of his bid.

A Contractor's Bond as required by Section 48-01.2-10 of the North Dakota Century Code will be included with the executed Contract Documents. The Bid Security shall be as required in Section 48-01.2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code. All bidders must be licensed for the highest amount of their bids, as provided by Section 43 07 05 of the North Dakota Century Code and a copy of the license or certificate of renewal thereof issued shall be enclosed in the required bid bond envelope.

No bid will be read or considered which does not fully comply with the above provisions as to Bond and Licenses, and any deficient bid submitted will be resealed and

returned to the Bidder immediately.

The Jamestown Regional Airport Authority retains the right to reject any or all of the bids submitted and to waive any informality in any bid and to hold all bids for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days and to hold the three low bids and bid securities for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of bid opening.

The successful bidder will be required to comply with all applicable Federal Labor Laws, including minimum wage rate decisions of the United States Department of Labor, which are contained in the advertised specifications. Bidders and sub-bidders are required to comply with Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (1518, 36 F.R. 7340) promulgated by the United States Secretary of Labor, in accordance with Section 107 of the contract work hours and safety standards act, (82 Stat. 96) not requiring any laborer or mechanic to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to their health and safety.

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A Contractor having 50 or more employees who may be awarded a contract of \$50,000 or more and subcontractors having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a subcontract of \$50,000 or more will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the advertised specifications. (41 CFR 60-1.40). Contractor will be required to submit a certification of nonsegregated facilities from all subcontractors for subcontracts exceeding \$10,000.00.

Contractors are subject to the Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity (Executive Order 11246, as amended), provisions of which are contained in the advertised specifications. Contractors are subject to the provisions of 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to suppliers of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement market Access to U.S. Contractors. The bidder shall submit Disadvantaged Business Enterprise information to the Owner. Contract award is contingent upon compliance with the DBE requirements. The goal for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation is

3.73%. Race Conscious, of the contract cost.

The work on the improvements is to commence upon a date to be specified by the Airport Authority, notice of which will be given to the successful bidder fifteen (15) days in advance of start of construction. The Contractor will be required to complete the project no later than December 31, 2011.

A prebid conference will be held at 2:00 P.M. (CT), Monday, June 28th, 2010, at the office of the Airport Manager. The conference agenda will include, but not be limited to:

- Bidding Documents
- Construction Schedule
- DBE Requirements

All prospective bidders are strongly encouraged to attend the conference and to visit the proposed construction site located at 1600 21st Ave. N.E. in Jamestown.

By order of the Jamestown Regional Airport Authority  
Andrew Schneider  
Airport Manager  
Dated this 7th day of March 2010.  
June 8, 15, and 22, 2010

## STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Midcontinent Communications/Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc. Rural Exemption Investigation

Case No. PU-10-157  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
June 16, 2010

On May 12, 2010, Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent) filed notice with the Commission that Midcontinent had by letters dated April 16, 2010 and April 23, 2010 made bona fide requests under 47 U.S.C. § 251(c) for wholesale resale of telecommunications services for the Willow City, Dunseith and Bisbee, North Dakota exchanges from Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc. (Turtle Mountain).

Under 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(1)(A) a rural telephone company is exempt from the requirements of Section 251(c) until it receives a bona fide request and until the state commission determines that the exemption should be terminated. Midcontinent requests that the Commission conduct an inquiry for the purpose of determining whether to terminate the Turtle Mountain's 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(1)(A) exemption from providing its services for resale.

Under 47 U.S.C. § 251(f) the Commission must conduct an inquiry and within 120 days after receiving notice of a bona fide request, must decide whether to terminate the exemption. A public hearing has been scheduled for August 4, 2010 at 9 a.m. (CST) in the Commission Hearing Room, 12th Floor, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota. The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Whether the request of Midcontinent is unduly economically burdensome.
2. Whether the request of Midcontinent is technically feasible.
3. Whether the request of Midcontinent is consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254 (other than subsections (b)(7) and (c)(1)(D) thereof).
4. The implementation schedule

for compliance with the request should the exemption be terminated.

5.If Turtle Mountain's exemption under 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(1)(A) is terminated, whether the exemption is to be terminated for the whole company.

6.If Turtle Mountain's exemption under 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(1)(A) is terminated, whether the exemption is to be terminated for all services required under 47 U.S.C. § 251(c).

For more information contact the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
Tony Clark, Commissioner  
Kevin Cramer, Chairman  
Brian P. Kalk, Commissioner  
June 22, 2010

## STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

### Electric Rate Increase Application

Case No. PU-10-124  
NOTICE OF HEARING and  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS  
June 16, 2010

On April 19, 2010, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU) filed an application to increase its rates for electric utility service to provide additional annual revenue of \$15,396,303 or a 14% increase over current rates. The proposed monthly increase for a residential customer using 750 kilowatt-hours in a month is \$7.63.

A public hearing on this matter will be held beginning November 8, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. CDT (7:30 a.m. MDT) in the Commission hearing room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. Issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. What is the value of MDU's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
2. What is MDU's rate of return on its property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
3. What is a just and reasonable rate of return on MDU's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
4. What rates and charges are necessary to provide a just and reasonable rate of return on MDU's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
5. Are MDU's proposed rate schedules designed in such a manner that they result in a basis of charge to its customers that is just and reasonable without discrimination?
6. Other relevant information or proposals concerning the proceeding.

Public input sessions will be held via

interactive television on July 12 at 12:00 p.m. CDT (11:00 a.m. MDT) and on July 13 at 7:30 p.m. CDT (6:30 p.m. MDT). Members of the public are invited to appear and participate in the public input session at the locations set forth below.

Bismarck State College  
Vocational Technical Ctr. Rm 216  
1200 College Dr  
Bismarck ND 58501

Dickinson State University  
Klinefelter Hall, Room 216  
Dickinson, ND 58601

Williston State College  
Main Building, Room 108  
Williston ND 58801

The public will also be able to hear the input session by connecting to the Commission's web site <http://www.nd.gov/psc> and then clicking on the link at the bottom of the home page that says Broadcast of Public Input Sessions over IVN. The Commission will receive e-mail questions during the session at [ndpsc@nd.gov](mailto:ndpsc@nd.gov). A public input session is not considered part of the technical hearing and the discussion at a session will not become part of the record evidence reviewed by the Commission in making its decision. The discussion will, however, aid the Commission and its staff in identifying areas of concern that may require further investigation.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or 877-245-6685 (toll free in North Dakota), 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 the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
Tony Clark, Commissioner  
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June 22, 2010

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