

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
Earnings Sharing Adjustment
Application

Case No. PU-10-124

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

November 9, 2012

On June 8, 2011, the Commission adopted an Order on Settlement in the captioned case approving an earnings sharing mechanism that provides for customer refunds if Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s (MDU) net income exceeds a 10.75 percent return on equity for its North Dakota operations for any fiscal year prior to either January 1, 2013 or the base period included in MDU's next electric general rate case, whichever occurs sooner. Earnings sharing credits are to be applied as a one-time bill credit.

On April 16, 2012, MDU filed an earnings sharing adjustment for the year ending 2011. MDU proposes that \$1,280,682 be credited to electric customers' bills over two months. The proposed credit is .41 cents per kWh, which would result in a total credit of \$6.15 for an average customer using 750 kWh per month.

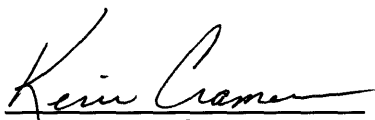
On May 16, 2012, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing on MDU's proposed earnings sharing adjustment for the year ending 2011.


On October 25, 2012, MDU and PSC Advocacy Staff filed a Settlement Agreement which they assert resolves all outstanding issues for the 2011 electric earnings sharing adjustment. The Settlement proposes that \$1,006,240, adjusted to accrue interest, be credited to electric customers' bills over two months.

The issue to be considered is whether the Settlement Agreement should be approved and adopted by the Commission. Those interested are invited to comment in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearing must be received by 5:00 p.m., CST, on December 12, 2012.** The Commission may make a decision in these cases without hearing.

For more information or a copy of Settlement Agreement, 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.

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