

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Manufactured Gas Plant Cost Recovery
Application**

Case No. PU-10-589

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
March 9, 2011**

On September 17, 2010, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed an application for authority to recover \$907,773 related to the manufactured gas plant remediation work completed on the Southeast corner of the intersection of South 10th Street and East Front Avenue in the City of Bismarck, North Dakota.

In its original application, MDU requested to amortize the cost over a 5 year period beginning January 1, 2010.


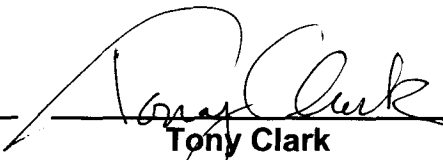
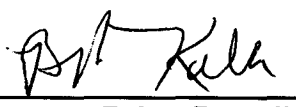
On February 22, 2011, MDU filed an amended application to amortize the cost over 10 years, effective January 1, 2008. The changes resulted from discussions with the Commission staff. In the event MDU files a gas rate case during the amortization period, the Company will seek to recover one-tenth of the cost in its proposed tariffs.

The issue to be considered in this case is whether to allow the amortization schedule as proposed by MDU.

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 and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by **April 27, 2011**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the 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.

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