

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Whiting Oil & Gas Corporation – Stark County
Public Convenience & Necessity**

Case No. PU-10-615

NOTICE OF HEARING

December 8, 2010

On October 21, 2008, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., (MDU) filed an application to extend electric service to Whiting Oil & Gas Corporation for a natural gas compression and processing plant to be constructed in the N½, NW¼, Section 17, Township 139N, Range 99W, Stark County near Belfield, North Dakota.

On November 2, 2010, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until December 6, 2010 for filing written objections. On December 3, 2010, Roughrider Electric Cooperative, Inc. of Hazen, North Dakota filed its objection to MDU's application and requested the matter be set for hearing.

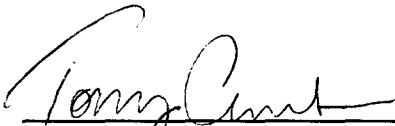
Please take notice that a public hearing on the application is scheduled to begin **January 31, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. CST, in the Commission Hearing Room, 12th Floor, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505.** The issues to be considered are:

1. From whom do the customers prefer electric service?
2. What electric suppliers are operating in the general area?
3. What electric supply lines exist within at least a two-mile radius of the location to be served, and when were they constructed?
4. What customers are served by electric suppliers within at least a two-mile radius of the location to be served?
5. What are the differences, if any, between the electric suppliers available to serve the area with respect to reliability of service?
6. Which of the available electric suppliers will be able to serve the location in question more economically and still earn an adequate return on its investment?
7. Which supplier's extended electric service would best serve orderly and economic development of electric service in the general area?
8. Would approval of the applications result in wasteful duplication of investment or service?
9. Is it probable that the location in question will be included within the corporate limits of a municipality within the foreseeable future?

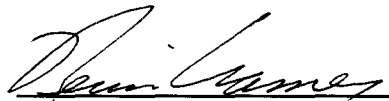
10. Will service by either of the electric supplier in the area unreasonably interfere with the service or system of the other?

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 the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

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