

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
Advance Determination of Prudence – 88 MW Turbine
Application**

Case No. PU-11-395

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
88 MW Combustion Turbine
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-11-396

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
January 27, 2012

On July 7, 2011, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed an application for advance determination of prudence for its investment in an 88 megawatt simple cycle combustion turbine to be located adjacent to MDU's Heskett Generating Station near Mandan, North Dakota, Case No. PU-11-395. Also on July 7, 2011, MDU filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the same 88 megawatt simple cycle combustion turbine, Case No. PU-11-396.

On September 7, 2011, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Filing and Notice of Intervention Deadline providing until October 14, 2011 for petitions to intervene.

On October 26, 2011, the Commission issued Notice of Consolidated Hearing consolidating these two cases for hearing for January 10, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room of the State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. The hearing was held as scheduled.

On January 13, 2012, MDU and Advocacy Staff entered into a Settlement Agreement which they assert will resolve the issues in Case No. PU-11-395 and Case No. PU-11-396.

The issue to be considered in this matter is whether the Settlement Agreement should be approved and adopted by the Commission for the resolution of the issues in Case No. PU-11-395 and Case No. PU-11-396. Those interested are invited to comment in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying

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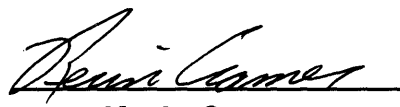
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their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received **by close of business on March 7, 2012.**

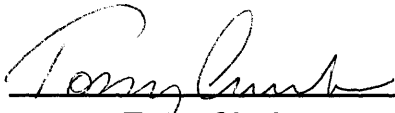
The Commission may make a decision in these two cases without hearing. If the Commission does not approve and adopt the Settlement Agreement in full resolution of the two cases, further Commission proceedings may be required.

For more information or a copy of the 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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