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In Canada, Nova Scotia's Shubenacadie Sam and Ontario's Wharton Willie also failed to see their shadows this morning, along with General Beauregard Lee from Liburn, Ga. There are several theories as to the origin of the folk holiday, but most include the actually placement of Feb. 2 on the calendar. Valley City State University professor Joe Sticker said Wednesday, "Certainly it seems the origin of a celebration in the first week of February is related to the fact that it's right in that range halfway between winter and spring. Those days were called 'cross-quarter' days." Sticker explained old calendars were developed

by sunset positions, and in between solstices and equinoxes were the cross-quarter days. Barnes County Museum curator Wes Anderson also echoed Sticker's statements. "It's a mid-point holiday," he said. "I suppose it's the signaling of animals coming out of hibernation. Anderson said he was unaware of any Groundhog's Day celebrations are held in North Dakota or surrounding areas. "I don't think we have much for groundhogs; we have woodchucks, but I don't know if anyone does anything with them," he said.

you will find instructions to Officers. Questions are due electronically to the Contracting Officer no later than 27 January 2012 and proposals must be received at the designated address no later than 1400 CST on 21 February 2012. The purpose of this public notice announcement is to expand the notification of this FEMA requirement to the public. If you have any questions, please contact the Contracting Officer Bryan Boland at (701) 221-5126 or (202) 288-3460.

(February 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, & 9, 2012)

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(February 2, 2012)

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**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

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 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, 1-800-366-6888TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Kevin Cramer, Commissioner
Tony Clark, Chairman
Brian P. Kalk, Commissioner

(February 2, 2012)

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.**

**Advance Determination of
Prudence - Big Stone Air
Application**
Case No. PU-11-163

**Other Tail Power Company
Advance Determination of
Prudence - Big Stone Air
Application**
Case No. PU-11-165

On May 20, 2011, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed an application for advance determination of prudence for its investment in air quality control equipment at the Big Stone Generating Plant, Case No. PU-11-163. Also on May 20, 2011, Other Tail Power Company (Other Tail) filed an application for advance determination of prudence for its investment in air quality control equipment at the Big Stone Generating Plant, Case No. PU-11-165.

On July 27, 2011, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Filing and Notice of Intervention Deadline providing until September 2, 2011 for petitions to intervene. On September 7, 2011, the Commission issued Notice of Consolidated Hearing consolidating these two cases for hearing for November 29, 2011 at 8:30 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 4, 2012, MDU, Other Tail and Advocacy Staff entered into a Settlement Agreement which they assert will resolve the issues in Case No. PU-11-163 and Case No. PU-11-165.

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-11-163 and Case No. PU-11-165. 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 hearings must be received by close of business on March 7, 2012.

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(February 3, 2012)

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