

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
Rates**

Case No. PU-11-672

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
Tariff**

Case No. PU-11-681

**NOTICE OF FILING, NOTICE OF INFORMAL HEARING, AND
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

February 29, 2012

On October 21, 2011 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed for approval to implement a transmission cost recovery rider pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 49-05-04.3. On February 27, 2012 MDU filed an update to the original filing. MDU proposes to recover Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO) transmission related costs net of revenues allocated to North Dakota retail customers, the North Dakota retail share of revenue requirements for transmission facilities not currently included in base rates, and Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) transmission costs under the federally regulated WAPA tariff. The application includes an initial rate amount to be included as a separate line item on customers' bills:

		<u>\$/kwh</u>
Res & Small General	Rates 10, 13, 20 & 25	0.00035
Large General	Rates 30, 31, 32, 38, 40 & 48	0.00029
Lighting	Rates 41 & 52	0.00020

The issues to be considered in these proceedings are whether the proposed transmission cost recovery rider and rate adjustments comply with section 49-05-04.3 and should be approved.

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 a hearing must be received by April 6, 2012.** If deemed appropriate, the commission can determine these matters without a hearing.

An **Informal Hearing** of this matter is scheduled to begin on **April 11, 2012**, at **1:30 p.m. CDT** in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th floor of the State Capitol. At the informal hearing, the Commission will discuss this matter with the parties and interested members of the public.

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