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From: Colleen Park <colleenp@ndna.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 3:59 PM
To: DeSaye, Cara G.
Subject: RE: Case No. PU-13-803 Notice of Informal Hearing and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing on Settlement

Received.
I will schedule for Wednesday, October 30 and Thursday, October 31 in the various papers.
(No Fargo in both notices, correct??)

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**Colleen Park**  
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**North Dakota Newspaper Association**

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**From:** DeSaye, Cara G. [<mailto:cdesaye@nd.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 24, 2013 3:26 PM  
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Colleen ([colleenp@ndna.com](mailto:colleenp@ndna.com))  
North Dakota Newspaper Association

Please have the attached Notice of Informal Hearing and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing on Settlement published one time as a legal publication in the next issue of the following newspapers:

Minot Daily News  
Grand Forks Herald  
Devils Lake Journal  
The Bismarck Tribune  
The Daily News  
The Dickinson Press  
The Jamestown Sun  
Valley City Times-Record  
Williston Daily Haral

Do not publish in the classifieds. Please run it as a "News Item Only" article as well.

Send the bill to the Public Service Commission along with a tear sheet for billing purposes.

Please confirm via email that you received this request.

If you have any questions or cannot open the files, please call me at 321

Thank You

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division  
of MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
Natural Gas Service Rate Increase  
Application**

**Case No. PU-13-803**

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL HEARING AND  
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING  
ON SETTLEMENT**

**October 24, 2013**

On September 18, 2013, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU) filed an application to increase its rates for natural gas service to provide additional 2014 test year annual revenue of \$6,800,000 or a 6.4% increase over current rates.

On October 9, 2013, the Commission approved MDU's request for an interim rate increase based on the projected 2014 increase request. The interim rate increase of \$4,500,000, or 4.162% over current rates, became effective for natural gas service on and after November 17, 2013. MDU is required to refund interim rate amounts in excess of final rates approved by the Commission, including interest.

On October 18, 2013, MDU and Commission Advocacy Staff (Staff) entered into a Settlement Agreement. On October 23, 2013, MDU and Staff withdrew the October 18 Settlement Agreement and filed a new Settlement Agreement, which they assert will resolve the expense, revenue and return issues in this proceeding. The Settlement Agreement does not address or resolve outstanding rate design issues in this case and those issues specifically reserved by MDU and Commission Advocacy Staff for hearing or further negotiation.

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 specific issues stated in the Settlement Agreement. 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 December 12, 2013.**

An informal hearing of this matter is scheduled to begin on **November 13, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. CST** 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.

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

For more information 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 at least 24 hours in advance.

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Commissioner**