

**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-15-90**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS AND HEARING**

**March 11, 2015**

On February 6, 2015, 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 2015 test year annual revenue of \$4.3 million or a 3.4% increase in test year annual revenue at current rates.

On March 11, 2015, the Commission approved MDU's request for an interim rate increase based on the projected 2015 increase request. The interim rate increase of \$4.3 million, also 3.4% over current rates, will become effective for natural gas service on and after April 7, 2015. MDU is required to refund interim rate amounts in excess of final rates approved by the Commission, including interest.

The Commission will be holding public input sessions and a formal technical hearing on the rate increase request. The issues to be considered are:

1. What rates and charges are necessary to provide a just and reasonable rate of return on MDU's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
2. Are MDU's proposed rate schedules designed in such a manner that they result in a basis of charge to its customers that is just and reasonable without discrimination?

**Public input sessions** will be held via interactive television on **April 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. CDT and on April 14, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. CDT**. Members of the public are invited to appear and participate in the public input session at the listed locations:

<b>Williston State College</b> <b>Stevens Hall, Room 120 (Apr. 13)</b> <b>Stevens Hall, Room 120 (Apr. 14)</b> <b>1410 University Ave</b> <b>Williston ND 58801</b>	<b>Minot State University</b> <b>Administration Bldg., Room 359 (Apr. 13)</b> <b>Administration Bldg., Room 359 (Apr. 14)</b> <b>500 University Ave W</b> <b>Minot ND 58707</b>
<b>Bismarck State College</b> <b>VoTech Center, Room 246 (Apr. 13)</b> <b>1200 College Drive</b> <b>Bismarck ND 58506</b>	<b>Public Service Commission</b> <b>Hearing Room (Apr. 14)</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> Floor State Capitol Building</b> <b>600 East Boulevard Ave</b> <b>Bismarck, ND 58505</b>
<b>Dickinson State University</b> <b>Klinefelter Room 220 (Apr. 13)</b> <b>Murphy Hall Room 202 (Apr. 14)</b> <b>1679 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. W</b> <b>Dickinson ND 58601</b>	<b>Valley City State University</b> <b>Rhoades Room 101 (Apr. 13)</b> <b>Rhoades Room 101 (Apr. 14)</b> <b>101 College St SW</b> <b>Valley City, ND 58072</b>
<b>Lake Region State College</b> <b>Administration Room 123 (Apr. 13)</b> <b>Administration Room 172 (Apr. 14)</b> <b>1801 College Dr. North</b> <b>Devils Lake ND 58301</b>	

The public will also be able to hear the input sessions by connecting to the web site <http://education.video.nd.gov> using login: [guest@meeting.edu](mailto:guest@meeting.edu), and then entering the password: **meeting**. The Commission will receive e-mail questions during the session at [vschock@nd.gov](mailto:vschock@nd.gov).


A public input session is not considered part of the formal technical hearing and the discussion at a session will not become part of the record evidence reviewed by the Commission in making its decision. The discussion will, however, aid the Commission and its staff in identifying areas of concern that may require further investigation.

Petitions to Intervene are governed by N.D. Administrative Code Chapter 69-02-02. However, the Commission encourages anyone wishing to become a party to this proceeding to file the **Petition to Intervene** as early in the process as possible to allow, if granted intervener status, full participation in prehearing filings and other actions. Consequently, anyone wishing to become a party should file a Petition to Intervene **by June 1, 2015**.

A formal technical **Hearing** is scheduled to begin **July 20, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505**.

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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