

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 CONTINUED HEARING

May 27, 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.

On March 11, 2015, the Commission issued a Notice of Public Input Sessions and Notice of Hearing, scheduling the public input sessions for April 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and April 14, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. and scheduling the formal hearing for July 20, 2015.

The public input sessions were held as scheduled.

On May 26, 2015, Commission Advocacy Staff and MDU filed an agreement to an extension of the rate suspension to November 30, 2015, in order to accommodate the rescheduling of the formal hearing from July 20, 2015 to August 31, 2015.

On May 27, 2015, the Commission discussed the filing and concluded that the formal technical hearing should be continued to August 31, 2015.

A formal hearing on this case is scheduled to begin August 31, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. 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?

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.

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