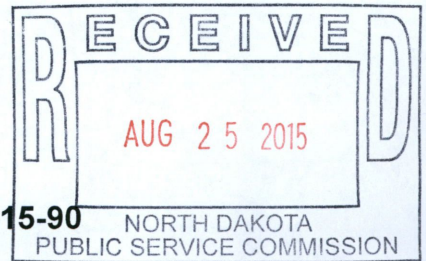


STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Case No. PU-15-90



MOTION TO ALLOW WITNESS APPEARANCE BY TELEPHONE

The Applicant Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. ("Montana-Dakota") moves the Hearing Officer for the right to have its witness Steven S. Gaske appear telephonically at the hearing in the proceeding. Montana-Dakota brings the motion in accordance with the Summary of Prehearing Conference issued by the Hearing Officer on July 29, 2015. Montana-Dakota makes this motion on the grounds that Mr. Gaske's testimony is limited to issues of a recommended return on equity. The only other party to offer testimony on this issue is the Commission Advocacy Staff ("Advocacy Staff"). Montana-Dakota and the Advocacy Staff have reached a settlement agreement on the issues in this proceeding, including appropriate return on equity, subject to Commission approval. Appearance of the witness telephonically will reduce the cost and expense of the proceeding while providing the Commission and intervening parties the opportunity to cross examine the witness.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of August, 2015.

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