

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
2016 Electric Rate Increase
Application**

Case No. PU-16-666

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE, PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS AND HEARING

November 30, 2016

On October 14, 2016, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources (MDU) filed an application to increase its rates for electric service to provide additional 2017 test year annual revenue of \$13,381,639 or a 6.6% increase over current rates. Also on October 14, 2016, MDU filed an application for interim rates pending the processing of the rate increase application. MDU provides electric service to approximately 100,687 customers in 117 communities in North Dakota.

The requested average increase to residential electric customers is approximately 9.4%. The increase to a residential electric customer using 980 kilowatt-hours (kwh) per month on average is approximately \$9.58 per month.

On November 30, 2016, the Commission approved MDU's interim electric rates that increase annual revenue collections by \$11,695,592, or an overall increase in electric retail revenues of 5.8% to become effective for electric service on or after December 13, 2016. MDU is required to refund interim revenue amounts in excess of final, approved revenue amounts, with interest.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. What is the value of MDU's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
2. What is MDU's rate of return on its property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
3. What is 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?
4. 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?

5. 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?
6. Other relevant information or proposals concerning the proceeding.

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 January 27, 2017**.

The Commission will hold public input sessions and a formal hearing on the rate increase request.

Public input sessions will be held via interactive television on **January 23, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. central time (6:30 p.m. mountain time) and on January 25, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. central time (11:00 a.m. mountain time)**. Members of the public are invited to appear and participate in the public input session at the listed locations and times:

**Public Service Commission
Hearing Room
12th Floor State Capitol Building
Enter building on north side of Capital
600 E Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58505**

**NDSU Research Center
Ernie French Center
WREC Meeting Room
14120 Highway 2
Williston, ND 58801**

**Dickinson State University
Klinefelter Room 216 (January 23, 2017)
Klinefelter Beck Auditorium (January 25, 2017)
291 Campus Drive
Dickinson, ND 58601**

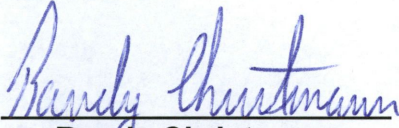
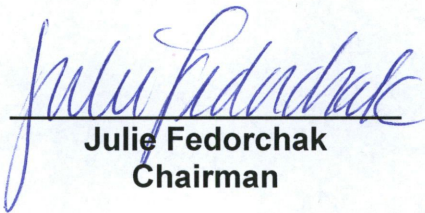
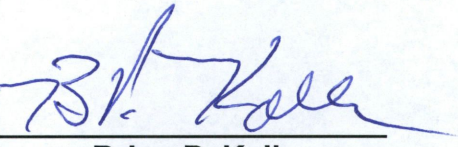
The public will also be able to hear the input sessions by connecting to the web site <http://education.video.nd.gov> using login: quest@meeting.edu, and then entering the password: **meeting**. During the sessions, the public can ask questions of MDU by e-mail at vschock@nd.gov.

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 on which the Commission decision must be based. The discussion will, however, aid the Commission and its staff in identifying areas of concern that may require further investigation.

A formal **Hearing** is scheduled to begin **April 10, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. central time in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12th 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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