

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

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU  
Resources Group, Inc.  
Natural Gas System – Ransom and Sargent Counties  
Public Convenience & Necessity**

**Case No. PU-17-123**

**ORDER**

**June 16, 2017**

**Preliminary Statement**

On March 31, 2017 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a natural gas system in Ransom and Sargent Counties in North Dakota to provide natural gas service to Clark Equipment Company d/b/a Bobcat Company (Bobcat) and other potential customers located along the proposed pipeline route.

On April 13, 2017, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing providing until May 30, 2017 for receiving written comments or requests for hearing. No response was received. The notice identified the following issues to be considered:

1. Is there a need for the service?
2. Is MDU technically, financially and managerially fit and able to provide the service?
3. What is the effect on other public utilities providing similar service?
4. Is the proposed service adequate?

On May 16, 2017 the Commission discussed these matters with MDU and Commission staff during an informal hearing.

**Discussion**

During the May 16, 2017 informal hearing the following was offered and accepted into the official record.

MDU is a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation, authorized to provide public utility service in North Dakota under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Commission.

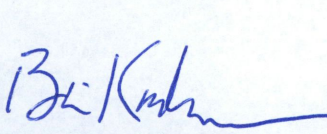
MDU proposes to construct and operate approximately 21 miles of 12 inch plastic pipe from a tap on the Alliance Pipeline to Bobcat's Gwinner, North Dakota facility. MDU expects to invest approximately \$13.8 Million in new facilities to serve Bobcat. The proposed natural gas service would serve Bobcat's need more cost effectively than propane, which is currently serving Bobcat's need. MDU is technically, financially, and managerially fit and able to provide the service. The proposed facilities will not adversely affect other public utilities providing similar service. The proposed service is adequate.

### Order

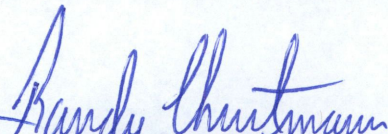
The Commission orders:

1. MDU's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the approximately 21 miles of 12 inch plastic natural gas line to Bobcat's Gwinner, North Dakota facility is granted.
2. Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5903 is issued to MDU to construct and operate the approximately 21 miles of 12 inch plastic natural gas line to Bobcat's Gwinner, North Dakota facility and other potential customers within Ransom and Sargent Counties, North Dakota that may be extended natural gas service pursuant to MDU's applicable gas service extension policy.

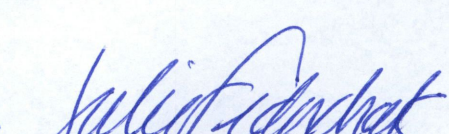
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**Brian Kroshus**  
Commissioner



**Randy Christmann**  
Chairman



**Julie Fedorchak**  
Commissioner

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**Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**

**Certificate Number 5903**

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., to construct and operate approximately twenty-one miles of 12 inch plastic natural gas line from a tap on the Alliance pipeline near Milnor, North Dakota to Gwinner, North Dakota to serve Ransom and Sargent Counties, North Dakota.*

*This certificate is issued in accordance with the Order of this Commission dated June 16, 2017 in Case No. PU-17-123, and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in the Order.*

*This certificate is conditioned upon Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, June 16, 2017.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

*Patrick Fahn acting*  
**Executive Secretary**

*Bill Knudsen*  
**Commissioner**