

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

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU  
Resources Group, Inc.  
Gas Transportation – Clark Equipment Company  
Service Agreement(s)**

**Case No. PU-17-144**

**ORDER**

**June 16, 2017**

**Preliminary Statement**

On March 31, 2017 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU) requested approval of an agreement for natural gas transportation service with Clark Equipment Company, dba Bobcat Company (Bobcat).

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. 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.

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's proposed transportation service agreement with Bobcat is for a fifteen year term and contains provisions to allow for additional customers to be served by the natural gas line. MDU's investment will be used and useful for the service and convenience of the public of North Dakota. MDU's rates, charges and rate of return are just and reasonable. MDU's rate schedules are designed in such a manner that they result in a basis of charge to its customers that is just and reasonable without discrimination. The Transportation Service Agreement with Bobcat is subject to approval by the Commission in accordance with Section 69-09-01-26 of the North Dakota Administrative Code.

## Order

The Commission orders:

1. MDU's Transportation Service Agreement with Clark Equipment Company, d/b/a Bobcat Company is approved.

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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Commissioner



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Chairman



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