

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Montana-Dakota Utilities / Roughrider Electric
City of Belfield
Service Area Agreement**

PU-17-228

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group
City of Belfield - Service Area Agreement
Public Convenience & Necessity**

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Minutes

July 26, 2017

Called to order: Approximately 2:00 PM
By Commission Chairman Randy Christmann

Adjourned: Approximately 2:20 PM

Location: Public Service Commission Hearing Room
State Capitol - 12th Floor
600 E Boulevard Ave
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

Re: Informal to provide background to the Commissioners as to what was contained in the application for a service area agreement filed jointly by MDU and Roughrider and the Public Convenience & Necessity filing by MDU made on 5/25/2017.

Attendees:

Commissioner Christmann
Commissioner Fedorchak
Commissioner Kroshus
Sara Cardwell – Public Utilities Analyst
Victor Schock – Public Utilities Analyst
Jerry Lein - Public Utilities Analyst
Steve Kahl – Technology Division
Don Franklund – Roughrider

Tamie Aberle - MDU
Craig Lohstreter - MDU
Marlene Wallender - MDU
Jacob Zettel - MDU
Mark Hanson - MDU
Jason Bentz - Roughrider
Leonard Hibl - Roughrider
Chris Baumgartner - Roughrider

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The Company and Roughrider both stated that the Service Agreement complies with the Century Code, avoids duplication of service, promotes safety and provides for the best interests of customers. MDU stated that the Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity (CPCN) is needed as without it, the Company would have to apply for a

CPCN for each new customer it adds to its system as part of the newly allocated areas of service. Commissioner Christmann asked if there was any objection to putting the information presented at the informal hearing into the record. There were no objections.