

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
2017 Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application

Case No. PU-17-295

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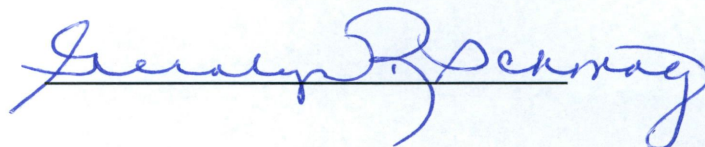
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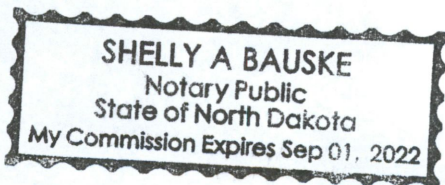
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS

September 22, 2017

On July 21, 2017, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU) filed an application to increase its rates for natural gas service to provide additional 2018 test year annual revenue of \$5.9 million or a 5.4% increase in test year annual revenue at current rates.

On September 6, 2017, the Commission approved MDU's request for an interim rate increase based on the projected 2018 increase request. The interim rate increase of \$4.6 million, 4.2% over current rates, became effective for natural gas service on and after September 19, 2017. MDU is required to refund interim rate amounts in excess of final rates approved by the Commission, including interest.

The Commission will be holding public input sessions and a formal technical hearing on the rate increase request. The issues to be considered are:

1. 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?
2. 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?

Public input sessions will be held via interactive television on October 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. CDT and on October 25, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. CDT. 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 reviewed by the Commission in making its decision. The discussion will, however, aid the Commission and its staff in identifying areas of concern that may require further investigation. Members of the public are invited to appear and participate in the public input session at the listed locations:

Williston State College Stevens Hall, Room 108 (Oct. 24 & 25) 1410 University Ave Williston ND 58801	Minot State University Administration Bldg., Room 359 (Oct. 24) Administration Bldg., Room 362 (Oct. 25) 500 University Ave W Minot ND 58707
Dickinson State University Klinefelter - Beck Auditorium (Oct. 24) Murphy Hall - Thompson Auditorium Room #155 (Oct. 25) 291 Campus Drive Dickinson, ND 58601	Public Service Commission Hearing Room (Oct. 24 & 25) 12th Floor State Capitol 600 East Boulevard Ave Bismarck, ND 58505
Lake Region State College Admin. Bldg., Room #171 (Oct. 24) Admin. Bldg., Room #171 (Oct. 25) 1801 College Drive N Devils Lake, ND 58301	Valley City State University Rhoades Room #338 (Oct. 24) Rhoades Room #101 (Oct. 25) 101 College Drive SW Valley City, ND 58072

The public will be able to hear the input sessions by connecting to the web site <http://state.video.nd.gov> user name: guest@psc.gov and password: **psc**. The Commission will receive e-mail questions during the session at vschock@nd.gov.

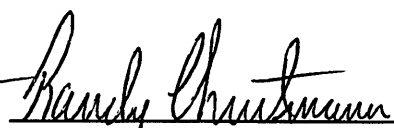
A **Public Hearing** is scheduled to begin **February 28, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. CDT** in the **Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505**.

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 **Nov. 10, 2017**.

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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