

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  
OAH File No. 20170395

**ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE OF  
FEDERAL EXECUTIVE AGENCIES (“FEA”)**

1. On or about October 12, 2017, Federal Executive Agencies filed a Petition for Intervention as an intervenor party in the Montana Natural Gas Rate Increase Application, Case No. PU-17-295, pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-02-05.

2. Section 69-02-02-05, N.D. Administrative Code, provides that any person with a substantial interest in a proceeding may petition to intervene in that proceeding.

3. FEA states in the petition that several agencies of the United States Government, especially the Minot Air Force Base, is a major consumer of gas purchased from MDU and an increase would potentially affect its mission.

4. No objection or response has been received from MDU or any of the other parties since the filing of this Petition to Intervene.

5. It also appears that the intervention of FEA and participation in this proceeding would not unduly delay the proceedings.

6. Section 69-02-02-09 also provides that admission as an intervenor shall not be construed as recognition by the commission that the intervenor might be aggrieved by any order of the commission in the proceeding.

THEREFORE, THE PETITION TO INTERVENE OF FEA IS HEREBY  
GRANTED.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

State of North Dakota  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

By: 

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Administrative Law Judge

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