

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

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **6th day of March, 2018**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

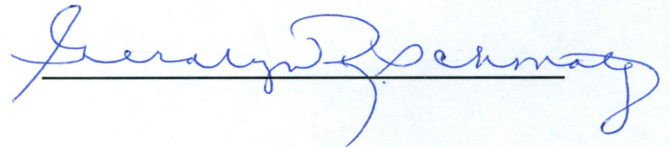
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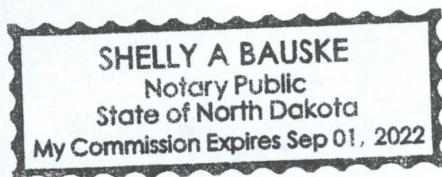
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Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **6th day of March, 2018**.

  
Notary Public

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- **Notice of Continued Public Hearing**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

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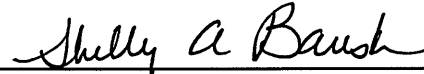
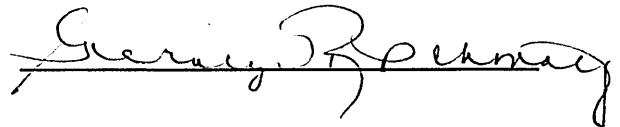
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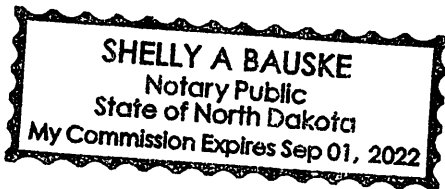
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**NOTICE OF CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING**

**February 14, 2018**

A Formal Public Hearing previously scheduled for February 28, 2018 is continued to begin **May 30, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. CDT in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505.**

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

On September 6, 2017, the Commission approved MDU's request for an interim rate increase of \$4.6 million, 4.2% over current rates, which became effective for service on and after September 19, 2017. MDU must refund interim rate amounts in excess of final rates approved by the Commission, including interest.

By Notice issued September 22, 2017, the Commission scheduled a formal hearing to begin February 28, 2018.

On January 16, 2018, MDU filed a Motion for Continuance asking the Commission to continue the hearing to permit investigation of the impact of the 2017 federal tax changes on this proceeding.

Also on January 16, 2016, Commission Advocacy Staff filed a response to MDU's motion, agreeing with and joining the motion, and asking that the rate suspension under N.D.C.C. section 49-05-06 be extended to August 31, 2018.

The Commission agrees to continue the February 28, 2018 hearing to May 30, 2018 and to extend the rate suspension to August 31, 2018.

The issues to be considered in this matter are:

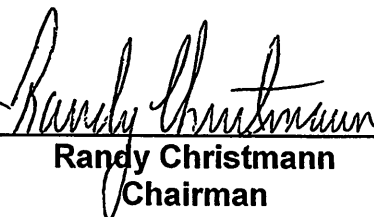
1. What rates and charges are necessary to provide a just and reasonable rate of return on MDU's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
2. Are MDU's proposed rate schedules designed in such a manner that they result in a basis of charge to its customers that is just and reasonable without discrimination?

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.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



**Brian Kroshus  
Commissioner**



**Randy Christmann  
Chairman**



**Julie Fedorchak  
Commissioner**