

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.

Before the North Dakota Public Service Commission

Case No. PU-20-\_\_\_\_

Direct Testimony  
of  
Stephanie Bosch

1 **Q. Would you please state your name and business address?**

2 A. Yes. My name is Stephanie Bosch, and my business address is 400  
3 North Fourth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501.

4 **Q. What is your position with Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.?**

5 A. I am the Regulatory Affairs Manager for Montana-Dakota Utilities  
6 Co. (Montana-Dakota).

7 **Q. Would you please describe your duties as Regulatory Affairs  
8 Manager?**

9 A. I am responsible for the proper application of the Company's gas  
10 and electric rates in the Customer Care and Billing System (CC&B), the  
11 application of tariffs, and the preparation of miscellaneous rate filings.

12 **Q. Would you please describe your education and professional  
13 background?**

14 A. I graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1995 with a  
15 Bachelor of Business and Public Administration degree in Banking and  
16 Financial Economics. I joined Montana-Dakota in June 1997 as a Rate  
17 Clerk in the Regulatory Affairs Department and realized positions of

1 increasing responsibility within the Regulatory Affairs Department until  
2 2011 when I left the Company. In 2013 I returned to the Company as a  
3 Regulatory Analyst before attaining my current position in August of 2015.

4 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

5 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present the gas revenue at  
6 current rates, included in Statement F, Schedule F-1 of this Application,  
7 the proposed rate schedules provided in Appendix B to the Application, the  
8 integration of Wahpeton, North Dakota customers into Montana-Dakota's  
9 North Dakota gas tariff, and other proposed changes in the Company's  
10 tariff.

11 I am also presenting the apportionment of the interim increase to  
12 the various rate classes and the proposed interim rate schedules provided  
13 in Appendix A to this Application for Interim Increase in Natural Gas Rates.

14 **Q. Have you testified in other proceedings before regulatory bodies?**

15 A. Yes. I have previously presented testimony before this Commission  
16 and the Public Service Commissions of Montana and Wyoming and the  
17 Public Utilities Commission of Minnesota.

18 **Q. What statements and exhibits are you sponsoring in this  
19 proceeding?**

20 A. I am sponsoring the proposed rate schedules provided in Appendix  
21 B to the Application, with the exception of the proposed Cost of Gas –  
22 Wahpeton Rate 89, which is sponsored by Ms. Vesey, and Exhibit  
23 No.\_\_(SB-1) through Exhibit No.\_\_(SB-3).

1 I am also sponsoring the proposed interim rate schedules provided  
2 in Appendix A to the Interim Application.

3 **Q. Please explain the calculation of the revenue at current rates**  
4 **included in Statements F, Schedule F-1?**

5 A. The Company applied the Basic Service Charges and Distribution  
6 Charges applicable under each rate schedule, and as authorized in Case  
7 No. PU-17-295 for Montana-Dakota and Case Nos. PU-17-075 and PU-  
8 17-490 for Great Plains, to the number of customers and level of usage  
9 identified by Mr. Shoemake to derive the revenues shown on Statement F,  
10 Schedule F-1, pages 1 and 2. Interruptible sales and transportation  
11 customers were priced at the applicable rate schedule's maximum rate per  
12 Dk, unless service is provided under a contract rate. The Cost of Gas  
13 rates and the Cost of Propane rate are reflective of the 2021 gas  
14 commodity charges and demand costs as of July 2020, excluding the  
15 surcharge.

16 **Wahpeton Rate Schedules**

17 **Q. Company witnesses have described the integration of the Great**  
18 **Plains' Wahpeton service area into Montana-Dakota's North Dakota**  
19 **service territory. Could you please expand on this discussion from a**  
20 **tariff and rate implementation standpoint?**

21 A. Yes, as previously noted by Ms. Kivisto and Ms. Vesey, Montana-  
22 Dakota is proposing to incorporate Wahpeton, North Dakota, currently  
23 provided service under the Great Plains North Dakota gas tariff, into

1 Montana-Dakota's North Dakota gas tariff. While the Company is  
2 proposing the integration be effective upon Commission approval of the  
3 Company's request, the implementation of this integration will need to be  
4 accomplished in phases.

5 **Q. Why is the Company proposing that the implementation of this**  
6 **integration be accomplished in phases?**

7 A. Today, customers in Wahpeton receive natural gas service under  
8 the rates and general provisions authorized by this Commission under the  
9 Great Plains North Dakota gas tariff. As such, Wahpeton customers are  
10 billed independent of Montana-Dakota's customers and under a Great  
11 Plains' bill.

12 In order to accomplish the move to a Montana-Dakota bill, a  
13 Wahpeton customer's service must be stopped under its Great Plains' rate  
14 schedule, evaluated to determine the customer's correct rate classification  
15 under Montana-Dakota's service requirements, and a new service started  
16 under the proper Montana-Dakota rate schedule. While the evaluation of  
17 a customer's service may be straightforward for some customers, others  
18 may require a further evaluation such as an on-site review to determine  
19 the correct Montana-Dakota rate classification.

20 Additionally, the Company's proposed phase-in integration of  
21 Wahpeton customers is affected by the Company's proposed interim  
22 request. Upon Commission approval of the Company's request to  
23 implement interim rates, Wahpeton customers will begin being billed the

1 authorized interim rate, under the Great Plains North Dakota gas tariff,  
2 which will continue through the implementation of final rates in this case.  
3 If the final revenue requirement is ultimately less than the interim request  
4 implemented, an interim refund will be necessary. As the interim rate will  
5 be billed under a Great Plains' rate schedule and on a Great Plains' bill,  
6 the Company believes it is appropriate, that in the event of a refund, the  
7 refund also be accomplished on Great Plains' billing system and  
8 presented on a Great Plains' bill. This provides consistency and  
9 transparency from the start of the interim through any refund that may be  
10 necessary.

11 **Q. Please describe the Company's phase-in approach.**

12 A. The Company is proposing a two-phase approach for incorporating  
13 Wahpeton into Montana-Dakota's North Dakota gas tariff. Phase I will  
14 commence with the implementation of final rates in this case and the start  
15 of the transition process of integrating Wahpeton into Montana-Dakota's  
16 North Dakota gas tariff. Separate rate schedules applicable only to the  
17 community of Wahpeton and surrounding areas will be established under  
18 Montana-Dakota's North Dakota gas tariff for residential, firm general,  
19 small and large interruptible sales and small and large interruptible  
20 transportation service, consistent with Montana-Dakota's North Dakota  
21 gas rate schedules.

22 While new Montana-Dakota rate schedules will be established in  
23 Phase I, reflecting the rates described by Mr. Amen, the actual billing of

1 Wahpeton customers will need to remain within Great Plains' billing  
2 system with customers continuing to receive a Great Plains' bill. As  
3 Phase I reflects the start of the transition to Montana-Dakota's gas tariff,  
4 Wahpeton customers will retain their current firm or interruptible service  
5 classification throughout this initial phase. For example, a Wahpeton  
6 Firm Gas Service Rate 65 customer today will remain a firm gas service  
7 customer throughout Phase I, but service will now be provided for under  
8 either Montana-Dakota Rate 63 or 73 where the charges included on  
9 these two new rate schedules will reflect the same Basic Service  
10 Charges and Distribution Charges for Phase I as the rate differentiation  
11 between these two rate schedules will not occur until Phase II when the  
12 actual movement of customers occurs.

13 The same will be true of Wahpeton's Interruptible Sales Service  
14 Rate 71 customers today. Wahpeton's interruptible sales customers will  
15 remain interruptible sales customers throughout Phase I, but service will  
16 now be provided for under either Montana-Dakota's Rate 76 or 86 where  
17 the charges included on these two new rate schedules will reflect the  
18 same Basic Service Charges and Distribution Charges in Phase I as the  
19 rate differentiation between these two rate schedules will not occur until  
20 Phase II when the actual movement of customers will occur.

21 The same will hold true for Interruptible Transportation Service Rate  
22 80 today; however, currently the only Wahpeton transportation customer is  
23 served under a contract rate whose rate is not affected by this case.

1           The availability and rate provisions applicable under all Wahpeton  
2 rate schedules, as included in Montana-Dakota's proposed North Dakota  
3 gas tariff included in Appendix B, will reflect both phases in order to readily  
4 identify the transition path from the current Great Plains tariff's availability  
5 provisions to a customer's Phase II rate classification as shown in the  
6 proposed Wahpeton rate schedules included herein as Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_(SB-  
7 1).

8           A bill message will be included on all Wahpeton customers' bills,  
9 throughout this phase, informing Wahpeton customers that the rates and  
10 service provided are now being provided for under Montana-Dakota's gas  
11 tariff and to contact the Company with any questions regarding this  
12 integration. This bill message will be in addition to the required customer  
13 notices included in all customers' bills at the time final rates are  
14 implemented in this rate proceeding.

15           The Company will also be considering different means of  
16 communicating with customers, such as direct mailings or community  
17 meeting(s) when appropriate given the current pandemic.

18 **Q. In addition to the new rate schedules, are there rate structure**  
19 **changes proposed in Phase I that will further the alignment of**  
20 **Wahpeton rates with Montana-Dakota's North Dakota gas rates?**

21 A.           Yes. Montana-Dakota is proposing three rate structure changes  
22 that provide a Phase I alignment with Montana-Dakota's rate schedules:  
23 (1) the daily application of the Basic Service Charge under the Wahpeton

1 residential and firm general rate schedules, (2) the splitting of the Basic  
2 Service Charges applicable under Firm General Service - Wahpeton Rate  
3 73 into two separate charges, dependent on whether the meters are rated  
4 under or over 500 cubic feet per hour. However, the actual rate differential  
5 under Rate 73 will not occur until Phase II when a customer review can be  
6 conducted and the customer's service stopped and started under the  
7 proper Montana-Dakota service classification. (3) The replacement of the  
8 current blocked distribution rate structure, applicable under all Wahpeton  
9 rate schedules today, with a flat distribution charge, consistent with all of  
10 Montana-Dakota's gas rate schedules.

11 Montana-Dakota implemented both the daily application of the  
12 Basic Service Charges applicable under the Company's firm service rate  
13 schedules as well as the replacement of a blocked distribution rate  
14 structure with a flat distribution charge in Case No. PU-399-02-183. The  
15 above noted proposed changes are reflected in the rates described by Mr.  
16 Amen.

17 **Q. Please describe Phase II of the Wahpeton integration.**

18 A. The Company is proposing the second phase of the integration  
19 start twelve months after Phase I rates are implemented. Phase II  
20 involves the actual movement of Wahpeton customers to a Montana-  
21 Dakota rate schedule based on Montana-Dakota's service requirements  
22 and the phase in which Wahpeton customers will start receiving a  
23 Montana-Dakota bill.

1 Under this phase, the firm service class will be split into two rate  
2 classes as defined in Montana-Dakota's General Provisions Rate 100's  
3 Rules for Application of Gas Service (Section V.3.a and b).

- 4 • Residential Gas Service Rate 63 will be available to customers  
5 using firm natural gas for domestic purposes.
- 6 • Firm General Gas Service Rate 73 will be available to all non-  
7 residential firm gas service customers. The Basic Service  
8 Charge rate differential will also be applicable under Phase II.

9 Similarly, the interruptible sales and transportation service classes  
10 will also be split into two rate classes as the availability provisions of the  
11 Wahpeton interruptible rate schedules has been revised for consistency  
12 with Montana-Dakota's interruptible rate schedules.

13 Interruptible Sales Service:

- 14 • Small Interruptible Sales Gas Service Rate 76 will available to  
15 interruptible sales service customers with annual requirements not to  
16 exceed 100,000 Dk.
- 17 • Large Interruptible Sales Gas Service Rate 86 will be available to  
18 interruptible sales service customers with annual requirements that  
19 exceed 100,000 Dk.

20 Transportation Service:

- 21 • Small Interruptible Transportation Gas Service Rate 83 will be  
22 available to interruptible transportation service customers with annual  
23 requirements not to exceed 100,000 Dk.

- 1           • Large Interruptible Transportation Gas Service Rate 84 will be  
2           available to interruptible transportation service customers with annual  
3           requirements that exceed 100,000 Dk.

4           A summary of the proposed Wahpeton rate schedules is included  
5           herein as Exhibit No. \_\_ (SB-2) along with the number of customers  
6           affected by the rate re-classifications.

7           The actual transition of Wahpeton customers from a Great Plains  
8           customer to a Montana-Dakota customer, in accordance with the above  
9           outlined Montana-Dakota service requirements, will occur across a billing  
10          month. Following each bill cycle in the month of the transition, customers  
11          in Wahpeton will have their Great Plains services stopped and new  
12          services started under the proper Montana-Dakota rate schedules. The  
13          Company will coordinate the timing of the stopping and starting of each  
14          service with a customer's actual meter read cycle in order to avoid a  
15          customer receiving two partial month bills, one from Great Plains and the  
16          other from Montana-Dakota. After the transition, the customer's next  
17          monthly bill will be a Montana-Dakota bill.

18          Phase II will also have a change in rates as described by Mr. Amen.  
19          While Phase II rates, in total, will be revenue neutral, individual customers  
20          will be impacted differently depending on the customer's rate re-  
21          classification and consumption. Bill inserts will again be included with all  
22          Wahpeton customers' bills notifying them of the change in rates and of  
23          their new Montana-Dakota bill.

1 **Q. What other tariff changes will Wahpeton customers see as a result of**  
2 **the integration?**

3 A. In Great Plains' last rate case (Case No. PU-17-075), the Company  
4 proposed a number of changes to its North Dakota gas tariff. Many of  
5 those tariff changes aligned Great Plains' North Dakota gas rate tariff with  
6 Montana-Dakota's North Dakota gas rate tariff; however, there were some  
7 differences that did remain between the two companies. With the  
8 integration of Wahpeton customers into Montana-Dakota, the Company  
9 needs to address those remaining differences here.

- 10 • Firm and interruptible service extensions will now be reviewed under  
11 Montana-Dakota's Interruptible Gas Service Extension Policy Rate  
12 119 and Firm Gas Service Extension Policy Rate 120.
- 13 • Montana-Dakota does not have minimum service connection charges  
14 as currently provided for in Great Plains' North Dakota General Terms  
15 and Conditions Rate 100 for the installation and turn on of the gas  
16 meter and regulator. These separate charges will stop with service  
17 connections on and after Phase I.
- 18 • Currently Wahpeton customers are assessed a late payment charge  
19 (LPC) of 1 1/3 percent per month on any amount not paid by the due  
20 date shown on the bill. Montana-Dakota's LPC rate is one percent  
21 per month and will be the rate assessed on past due Wahpeton bills  
22 on and after Phase I.

- 1 • Currently Great Plains' tariff provides for a \$30.00 reconnection fee for  
2 seasonal or temporary customers for customers requesting the  
3 reconnection of service where the same customer discontinued the  
4 same service during the preceding 12-month period. Seasonal  
5 reconnection fees will now be assessed Wahpeton customers in  
6 accordance with Montana-Dakota's Rate 100 Section V.20.

7 **Proposed Tariff Changes**

8 **Q. Would you briefly describe any additional changes the Company is**  
9 **proposing to its Montana-Dakota gas tariffs?**

10 A. The Company is proposing the following changes to the gas tariffs  
11 as clearly identified in the legislative copy of the tariffs provided in  
12 Appendix B of the Application:

- 13 • The Company is proposing an entirely new volume of its gas rate  
14 book, designated herein as NDPSC Volume 8, to supersede the  
15 current volume 7, in order to reflect the removal of "A Division of  
16 MDU Resources Group, Inc." in the tariff header of all rate  
17 schedules as well as to incorporate the new Wahpeton rate  
18 schedules into Montana-Dakota's rate book.
- 19 • The rates described by Mr. Amen have been incorporated into the  
20 proposed tariffs.
- 21 • Clarify that the charges included in the determination of a penalty  
22 payment as provided for under Penalty for Failure to Curtail or  
23 Interrupt provision applicable under the Company's Interruptible

1 Service Rates 71 and 85 and Transportation Rates 81 and 82  
2 tariffs. The proposed change clarifies that all charges billed under  
3 the Company's Firm General Gas Service Rate 70, excluding the  
4 Basic Service Charge, are billed on any gas taken in the event of a  
5 penalty situation.

6 • Update the Temperature Sensitive Use per Customer identified on  
7 the Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism Rate 87 tariff to  
8 reflect the daily base use per customer per day resulting from the  
9 corresponding rates' regression analyses performed for the  
10 normalization of firm general volumes in this case.

11 • Update the annual authorized usage by rate used in the  
12 determination of the Non-Residential Reconnection Fee for  
13 Seasonal or Temporary Customers, under General Provisions Rate  
14 100, to reflect each respective rate class' average annual use from  
15 this case.

16 • Introduce a monthly Manual Meter Reading Charge assessed  
17 customers who request to have their gas meter read manually each  
18 month in lieu of the Company installing an AMR-equipped meter to  
19 obtain meter reads.

20 • There are other minor wording changes listed throughout the  
21 Company's rate book to improve the readability of the rate without  
22 modifying any conditions, update the rate and/or page references

1 or are self-explanatory. These changes are clearly denoted on the  
2 tariff sheets in the legislative format.

3 **Q. Is the Company proposing any changes to the Company's Extension**  
4 **Policies Rates 119 and 120?**

5 A. Yes. The Company is proposing to update the Levelized Annual  
6 Revenue Requirement (LARR) identified on the tariff to reflect the costs  
7 and return included in this case.

8 The Company is also proposing to revise the Maximum Allowable  
9 Investment (MAI) formula, used to determine a firm extension's cost  
10 participation, to recognize the rates charged under Firm General  
11 Contracted Demand Service Rate 74 include a Distribution Demand  
12 Charge, not a Distribution Delivery Charge.

13 **Q. Did the Company incorporate the changes in this rate increase**  
14 **application that were proposed to Firm General Contracted Demand**  
15 **Service Rate 74 and to the Reconnection Fee for Seasonal**  
16 **Customers provision under General Provisions Rate 100 that are**  
17 **pending before this Commission in Case No. PU-20-335?**

18 A. No, the Company did not. In Case No. PU-20-335, Montana-  
19 Dakota proposed changes to clarify certain provisions related to contract  
20 requirements under Rate 74 and to revise paragraph 20 under Section 5  
21 of Rate 100 to include the Capacity Reservation Charge applicable under  
22 the Gwinner Pipeline Capacity Reservation Charge Rate 75 tariff in the  
23 determination of the seasonal reconnection charge.

1 Montana-Dakota will incorporate any changes to these two rate  
2 schedules that are ultimately authorized by this Commission in Case No.  
3 PU-20-335 in subsequent tariff submissions in this case.

4 **Q. How was the proposed interim revenue requirement apportioned**  
5 **among the customer classes?**

6 A. The interim revenue increase of \$6,893,176, identified by Ms.  
7 Vesey, is proposed to be billed as a separate line item on the bill based on  
8 17.116 percent of the amounts billed under the Basic Service Charge and  
9 the Distribution Delivery or Demand Charges applicable under the  
10 Company's rate schedules, excluding flexible contract rate customers.

11 The calculations supporting the application of the interim increase  
12 to each rate class are provided in Statement K attached to the Application  
13 for Interim Increase in Natural Gas Rates. The proposed tariff sheets  
14 reflect the proposed interim increase of 17.116 percent to be applied to the  
15 amount billed under the Basic Service Charge and the Distribution  
16 Delivery or Demand Charges. The interim rate will not be applicable to the  
17 amount billed under the Cost of Gas or Propane. The interim increase  
18 represents an average increase of 6.0 percent over total projected 2021  
19 revenues, including the cost of gas revenues. Page 2 of Exhibit No.  
20 \_\_\_\_ (SB-3) shows a typical residential bill for a Montana-Dakota customer  
21 reflecting the proposed interim increase, showing an average monthly  
22 increase of \$3.57 from current rates. Page 3 of Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_ (SB-3)  
23 shows a typical residential bill for a Wahpeton customer reflecting the

1 proposed interim increase, showing an average monthly increase of \$1.77  
2 from current rates.

3 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

4 A. Yes.

Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_ (SB-1)  
Proposed Montana-Dakota Wahpeton Rate Schedules



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## State of North Dakota Gas Rate Schedule

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### RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE – WAHPETON Rate 63

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#### Availability:

Phase I Availability (*effective dates for Phase I*):

Phase I reflects a transition period of moving customers from the former Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Firm Gas Service - Rate 65 rate schedule to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Residential Gas Service – Wahpeton Rate 63. Service available under this rate schedule is the same as service available under the former Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Firm Gas Service - Rate 65 rate schedule and is available to any domestic or commercial customer located in Wahpeton, North Dakota whose maximum requirements are not more than 2,000 cubic feet per hour. Customers receiving service under this rate schedule will receive a Great Plains Natural Gas Co. bill whereby the service is identified as "Firm Gas Service".

Phase II Availability (*effective start date of Phase II*):

For the community of Wahpeton for all domestic uses. See Rate 100, §V.3, for definition on class of service.

#### Rate:

Phase I:

Basic Service Charge: \$0.250 per day

Distribution Delivery Charge: \$1.028 per dk

Cost of Gas: Determined Monthly- See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate

Phase II:

Basic Service Charge: \$0.333 per day

Distribution Delivery Charge: \$0.649 per dk

Cost of Gas: Determined Monthly- See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate

#### Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

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#### **Payment:**

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.13, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

#### **Cost of Gas:**

The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in Cost of Gas – Natural Gas - Wahpeton Rate 89 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

#### **General Terms and Conditions:**

The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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### FIRM GENERAL GAS SERVICE - WAHPETON Rate 73

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#### Availability:

Phase I Availability (*effective dates for Phase I*):

Phase I reflects a transition period of moving customers from the former Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Firm Gas Service - Rate 65 rate schedule to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Firm General Gas Service – Wahpeton Rate 73. Service available under this rate schedule is the same as service available under the former Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Firm Gas Service - Rate 65 rate schedule and is available to any domestic or commercial customer located in Wahpeton, North Dakota whose maximum requirements are not more than 2,000 cubic feet per hour. Customers receiving service under this rate schedule will receive a Great Plains Natural Gas Co. bill whereby the service is identified as "Firm Gas Service".

Phase II Availability (*effective start date of Phase II*):

For the community of Wahpeton for all purposes except for resale. See Rate 100, §V.3, for definition on class of service.

#### Rate:

Phase I:

For customers with meters rated  
under 500 cubic feet per hour

Basic Service Charge: \$0.250 per day  
Distribution Delivery Charge: \$1.028 per dk

For customers with meters rated  
over 500 cubic feet per hour

Basic Service Charge: \$0.250 per day  
Distribution Delivery Charge: \$1.028 per dk

Cost of Gas: Determined Monthly- See Rate  
Summary Sheet for Current Rate

Phase II:

For customers with meters rated  
under 500 cubic feet per hour

Basic Service Charge: \$0.500 per day  
Distribution Delivery Charge: \$0.632 per dk

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### FIRM GENERAL GAS SERVICE - WAHPETON Rate 73

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For customers with meters rated  
over 500 cubic feet per hour

Basic Service Charge: \$1.000 per day  
Distribution Delivery Charge: \$0.507 per dk

Cost of Gas: Determined Monthly- See Rate  
Summary Sheet for Current Rate

#### Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

#### Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.13, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

#### Cost of Gas:

The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in Cost of Gas – Natural Gas - Wahpeton Rate 89 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

#### General Terms and Conditions:

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### SMALL INTERRUPTIBLE GENERAL GAS SERVICE – WAHPETON Rate 76

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#### Availability:

##### Phase I Availability *(effective dates for Phase I)*:

Phase I reflects a transition period of moving customers from the former Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Interruptible Gas Service - Rate 71 rate schedule to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Small Interruptible General Gas Service – Wahpeton Rate 76. Service available under this rate schedule is the same as service available under the former Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Interruptible Gas Service - Rate 71 rate schedule and is available to any commercial or industrial customer located in Wahpeton, North Dakota whose normal annual requirements are in excess of 1,000 Dk. Customers receiving service under this rate schedule will receive a Great Plains Natural Gas Co. bill whereby the service is identified as "Interruptible Gas Service".

##### Phase II Availability *(effective start date of Phase II)*:

For the community of Wahpeton for all interruptible general gas service customers whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed an input rate of 2,500,000 Btu per hour, metered at a single delivery point and whose use of natural gas will not exceed 100,000 dk annually.

The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible load. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. Customer's firm load shall be billed at Firm General Gas Service Rate 73. For interruptible purposes, the maximum daily firm requirement shall be set forth in the firm service agreement.

#### Rate:

##### Phase I:

Basic Service Charge:	\$180.00 per month
Distribution Delivery Charge:	
Maximum	\$0.670 per dk
Minimum	\$0.130 per dk
Cost of Gas:	Determined Monthly- See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate

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Phase II:

Basic Service Charge: \$250.00 per month

Distribution Delivery Charge:

Maximum \$0.608 per dk

Minimum \$0.130 per dk

Cost of Gas: Determined Monthly- See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate

The Distribution Delivery Charge shall be set forth in the service agreement required as provided in the General Terms and Conditions for service. Such rate, as adjusted to reflect changes in the Cost of Gas, shall apply for the term of the agreement regardless of a change in the rates set forth above.

**Minimum Bill:**

Basic Service Charge.

**Payment:**

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.13, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

**Cost of Gas:**

The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in Cost of Gas – Natural Gas - Wahpeton Rate 89 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

**General Terms and Conditions:**

1. PRIORITY OF SERVICE – Deliveries of gas under this schedule shall be subject at all times to the prior demands of customers served on the Company's Wahpeton firm gas service rates, and the Company shall have the right to interrupt deliveries to customers under this schedule without being required to give previous notice of intention to so interrupt whenever, in Company's sole judgment, it may be necessary to do so to protect the interest of its customers whose capacity requirements are otherwise and hereby given preference. The priority of service and allocation of capacity shall be accomplished in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11.

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2. **PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO CURTAIL OR INTERRUPT** – If customer fails to curtail or interrupt their use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by the Company, any gas taken shall be billed at the charges applicable under Firm General Gas Service Rate 73, (excluding Basic Service Charge), plus either an amount equal to any penalty payments or overrun charges the Company is required to make to its interconnecting pipeline(s) under the terms of its contract(s) as a result of such failure to curtail or interrupt, or \$50.00 per dk of gas used in excess of the volume of gas to which customer was requested to curtail or interrupt, whichever amount is greater. The Company, in its discretion, may shut off customer's supply of gas in the event of customer's failure to curtail or interrupt use of gas when requested to do so by the Company.
  
3. **AGREEMENT** – Customer will be required to enter into an agreement for service hereunder for a minimum term of 12 months. Written notice of termination by either Company or customer must be given at least 60 days prior to the end of the initial term. Absent such termination notice, the agreement shall continue for additional terms of equal length until written notice is given, as provided herein, prior to the end of any subsequent term. Upon expiration of service, the customer may apply for and receive, at the sole discretion of the Company, gas service under this rate or another appropriate rate schedule for the customer's operations.
  
4. **OBLIGATION TO NOTIFY COMPANY OF CHANGE IN DAILY OPERATIONS** – Customer will be required as specified in the service agreement to notify Company of an anticipated change in daily operations. Failure to comply with requirements specified in the service agreement may result in the assessment of penalties to the customer equal to the penalty amounts Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.
  
5. **METERING REQUIREMENTS** –Remote data acquisition equipment (telemetering equipment) required by the Company for a single customer installation for daily measurement will be purchased and installed by the Company prior to the initiation of service hereunder.

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Customer may be required, upon consultation with the Company, to contribute towards additional metering equipment necessary for daily measurement by the Company, depending on the location of the customer to the Company's network facilities. Enhancements and/or modifications to these services may be required to ensure equipment functionality. Such enhancements or modifications shall be completed at the direction of the Company with all associated costs the customer's responsibility. Any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.

Consultation between the customer and the Company regarding telemetering requirements shall occur prior to execution of the required service agreement.

6. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state

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#### Availability:

For the community of Wahpeton this service is applicable for transportation of natural gas to customer’s premise (metered at a single delivery point) through Company’s distribution facilities. In order to obtain transportation service, customer must qualify under an applicable gas transportation service rate; meet the general terms and conditions of service provided hereunder; and enter into a gas transportation agreement upon request by the Company.

The transportation services are as follows:

#### Phase I Availability (*effective dates for Phase I*):

Phase I reflects a transition period of moving customers from the former Great Plains Natural Gas Co.’s Interruptible Transportation Service - Rate 80 rate schedule to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.’s Transportation Service – Wahpeton Rates 83 and 84. Service available under this rate schedule is the same as service available under the former Great Plains Natural Gas Co.’s Interruptible Transportation Service - Rate 80 rate schedule and is available to any commercial or industrial customer located in Wahpeton, North Dakota whose normal annual requirements are in excess of 1,000 Dk. Customers receiving service under this rate schedule will receive a Great Plains Natural Gas Co. bill whereby the service is identified as “Interruptible Transportation Service”.

#### Phase II Availability (*effective start date of Phase II*):

**Small Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service - Wahpeton Rate 83:**  
Transportation service is available for all general gas service customers whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed an input rate of 2,500,000 Btu per hour, metered at a single delivery point, whose average use of natural gas will not exceed 100,000 dk annually and who, absent the request for transportation service, are eligible for natural gas service, on an interruptible basis, pursuant to Company’s effective Small Interruptible General Gas Service - Wahpeton Rate 76. Customer’s firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. Customer’s firm load shall be treated and billed in accordance with the provisions of Firm General Gas Service – Wahpeton Rate 73.

**Large Interruptible General Gas Transportation Service - Wahpeton Rate 84:**  
Transportation service is available for all general gas service customers whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed 100,000 dk annually metered at a single delivery point, and who, absent the request for transportation service, are eligible

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for natural gas service, on an interruptible basis, pursuant to Company’s effective Large Interruptible General Gas Service - Wahpeton Rate 86. Customer’s firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. Customer’s firm load shall be treated and billed in accordance with the provisions of Firm General Gas Service – Wahpeton Rate 73.

#### Rate:

Under Rate 83 or 84, customer shall pay the applicable Basic Service Charge plus a negotiated rate not more than the maximum rate or less than the minimum rate specified below. In the event customer also takes service under Rate 76 or Rate 86, the Basic Service Charge applicable under Rate 83 or Rate 84 shall be waived.

#### Phase I:

Basic Service Charge:

Rate 83	\$180.00 per month
Rate 84	\$180.00 per month

	<u>Rate 83</u>	<u>Rate 84</u>
Maximum Rate per dk	\$0.670	\$0.670
Minimum Rate per dk	\$0.130	\$0.130

#### Phase II:

Basic Service Charge:

Rate 83	\$250.00 per month
Rate 84	\$500.00 per month

	<u>Rate 83</u>	<u>Rate 84</u>
Maximum Rate per dk	\$0.608	\$0.656
Minimum Rate per dk	\$0.130	\$0.130

#### General Terms and Conditions:

1. CRITERIA FOR SERVICE: In order to receive the service, customer must qualify under one of the Company’s applicable natural gas transportation service rates and comply with the general terms and conditions of the service provided herein. The customer is responsible for making all arrangements for transporting the gas from its source to the Company’s interconnection with the delivering pipeline(s).

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2. REQUEST FOR GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE:
  - a. To qualify for gas transportation service a customer must request the service pursuant to the provisions set forth herein. The service shall be provided only to the extent that the Company's existing operating capacity permits.
  - b. Requests for transportation service shall be considered in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11.
  
3. MULTIPLE SERVICES THROUGH ONE METER:
  - a. In the event customer desires firm sales service in addition to gas transportation service, customer shall request such firm volume requirements, and upon approval by Company, such firm volume requirements shall be set forth in a firm service agreement. For billing purposes, the level of volumes so specified, or the actual volume used, whichever is lower shall be billed at Rate 73. Volumes delivered in excess of such firm volumes shall be billed at the applicable gas transportation rate. Customer has the option to install at their expense, piping necessary for separate measurement of sales and transportation volumes.
  - b. The customer shall pay, in addition to charges specified in the applicable gas transportation rate schedule, charges under all other applicable rate schedules for any service in addition to that provided herein (irrespective of whether the customer receives only gas transportation service in any billing period).
  
4. PRIORITY OF SERVICE – Company shall have the right to curtail or interrupt deliveries without being required to give previous notice of intention to curtail or interrupt, whenever, in its judgment, it may be necessary to do so to protect the interest of its customers whose capacity requirements are otherwise and hereby given preference. The priority of service and allocation of capacity shall be accomplished in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11.
  
5. PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO CURTAIL OR INTERRUPT – If customer fails to curtail or interrupt their use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by

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the Company, any gas taken above that received on customer's behalf, shall be billed at the charges applicable under Firm General Gas Service - Wahpeton Rate 73, (excluding Basic Service Charge), plus either an amount equal to any penalty payments or overrun charges the Company is required to make to its interconnecting pipeline(s) under the terms of its contract(s) as a result of such failure to curtail or interrupt, or \$50.00 per dk of gas used in excess of the volume of gas to which customer was requested to curtail or interrupt, whichever amount is greater. The Company, in its discretion, may shut off customer's supply of gas in the event of customer's failure to curtail or interrupt use of gas when requested to do so by the Company.

6. CUSTOMER USE OF NON-DELIVERED VOLUMES - In the event the customer's gas is not being delivered to the receipt point for any reason and the customer continues to take gas, the customer shall be subject to any applicable penalties or charges set forth in Paragraph 9.b. Gas volumes supplied by Company will be charged at charges applicable under Firm General Gas Service - Wahpeton Rate 73. The Company is under no obligation to notify customer of non-delivered volumes.
7. REPLACEMENT OR SUPPLEMENTAL SALES SERVICE - In the event customer's transportation volumes are not available for any reason, customer may take interruptible sales service if such service is available. The availability of interruptible sales service shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Company.
8. ELECTION OF SERVICE – Prior to the initiation of service hereunder, the customer shall make an election of its requirements under each applicable rate schedule for the entire term of service. If mutually agreed to by Company and customer, the term of service may be amended. Upon expiration of service, the customer may apply for and receive, at the sole discretion of the Company, gas service under the appropriate sales rate schedule for the customer's operations.

Transportation customers who cease service and then resume service within the succeeding 12 months shall be subject to a reconnection charge as specified in Rate 100, §V.21.

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9. DAILY IMBALANCE:
- a. To the extent practicable, customer and Company agree to the daily balancing of volumes of gas received and delivered on a thermal basis. Such balancing is subject to the customer’s request and the Company’s discretion to vary scheduled receipts and deliveries within existing Company operating limitations.
  - b. In the event that the deviation between scheduled daily volumes and actual daily volumes of gas used by customer causes the Company to incur any additional costs from interconnecting pipeline(s), customer shall be solely responsible for all such penalties, fines, fees or costs incurred. If more than one customer has caused the Company to incur these additional costs, all costs (excluding those associated with Company’s firm deliveries) will be prorated to each customer based on the customer’s over- or under-take as a percentage of the total.
  - c. The Company may waive any penalty associated with Company adjustments to end-use customer nominations in those instances where the Company, due to operating limitations, is required to adjust end-use transportation customer nominations and such Company adjustments create a penalty situation, or preclude a customer from correcting an imbalance which results in a penalty.
10. MONTHLY IMBALANCE – The customer’s monthly imbalance is the difference between the amount of gas received by Company on customer’s behalf and the customer’s actual metered use. Monthly imbalances will not be carried forward to the next calendar month.
- a. Undertake Purchase Payment – If the monthly imbalance is due to more gas delivered on customer’s behalf than the actual volumes used, Company shall pay customer an Undertake Purchase Payment in accordance with the following schedule:

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% Monthly Imbalance	Undertake Purchase Rate
0 – 5%	100% Cash-out Mechanism
> 5 – 10%	85% Cash-out Mechanism
> 10 – 15%	70% Cash-out Mechanism
> 15 – 20%	60% Cash-out Mechanism
> 20%	50% Cash-out Mechanism

Where the Cash-out Mechanism is equal to the lesser of the Company’s WACOG or the Index Price, as defined in Paragraph 10(c).

- b. Overtake Charge – If the monthly imbalance is due to more gas actually used by the customer than volumes delivered on their behalf, customer shall pay Company an Overtake Charge in accordance with the following schedule:

% Monthly Imbalance	Overtake Charge Rate
0 – 5%	100% Cash-in Mechanism
> 5 – 10%	115% Cash-in Mechanism
> 10 – 15%	130% Cash-in Mechanism
> 15 – 20%	140% Cash-in Mechanism
> 20%	150% Cash-in Mechanism

Where the Cash-in Mechanism is equal to the greater of the Company’s WACOG or the Index Price, as defined in Paragraph 10(c).

- c. The Index Price shall be the arithmetic average of the “Weekly Weighted Averages Prices” published by Gas Daily for Emerson, Manitoba during the given month. The Company’s WACOG (Weighted Average Cost of Gas) includes the commodity cost of gas and applicable transportation charges including the fuel cost of transportation.

#### 11. METERING REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Remote data acquisition equipment (telemetry equipment) required by the Company for a single customer installation for daily measurement will be purchased and installed by the Company prior to the initiation of service hereunder.

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- b. Customer may be required, upon consultation with the Company, to contribute towards an additional metering equipment necessary for daily measurement by the Company, depending on the location of the customer to the Company's network facilities. Enhancements and/or modifications to these services may be required to ensure equipment functionality. Such enhancements or modifications shall be completed at the direction of the Company with all associated costs the Customer's responsibility. Any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made
- c. Consultation between the customer and the Company regarding telemetering requirements shall occur prior to execution of the required service agreement.

#### 12. DAILY NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Customer or customer's shipper or agent shall advise the Company's Gas Supply Department, via the Company's Electronic Bulletin Board in accordance with FERC timelines, of the dk requirements customer has requested to be delivered at each delivery point the following day. Customer's daily nomination shall be its best estimate of the expected utilization for the gas day. Unless other arrangements are made, customer will be required to nominate for the non-business days involved prior to weekends and holidays.
- b. All nominations should include shipper and/or agent defined begin and end dates. Shippers and/or agents may nominate for periods longer than 1 day, provided the nomination begin and end dates are within the term of the service agreement.
- c. The Company has the sole right to refuse receipt of any volumes which exceed the maximum daily contract quantity and at no time shall the Company be required to accept quantities of gas for a customer in excess of the quantities of gas to be delivered to customer.
- d. At no time shall Company have the responsibility to deliver gas in excess of customer's nomination.

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13. **WARRANTY** – The customer, customer’s agent, or customer’s shipper warrants that it will have title to all gas it tenders or causes to be tendered to the Company, and such gas shall be free and clear of all liens and adverse claims and the customer, customer’s agent, or customer’s shipper shall indemnify the Company against all damages, costs, and expenses of any nature whatsoever arising from every claim against said gas.
14. **FACILITY EXTENSIONS** - If facilities are required in order to furnish gas transportation service, and those facilities are in addition to the facilities required to furnish firm gas service, the customer shall pay for those additional facilities and their installation in accordance with the Company’s applicable natural gas extension policy. Company may remove such facilities when service hereunder is terminated.
15. **PAYMENT** – Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.13, or any amendments or alterations thereto.
16. **BILLING ERROR** – In the event an error is discovered in any bill that the Company renders to customer, such error shall be adjusted within a period not to exceed 6 months from the date the billing error is first discovered.
17. **AGREEMENT** – Upon request of the Company, customer may be required to enter into an agreement for service hereunder.
18. The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 through 124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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#### Availability:

Phase I Availability (*effective dates for Phase I*):

Phase I reflects a transition period of moving customers from the former Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Interruptible Gas Service - Rate 71 rate schedule to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Large Interruptible General Gas Service – Wahpeton Rate 86. Service available under this rate schedule is the same as service available under the former Great Plains Natural Gas Co.'s Interruptible Gas Service - Rate 71 rate schedule and is available to any commercial or industrial customer located in Wahpeton, North Dakota whose normal annual requirements are in excess of 1,000 Dk. Customers receiving service under this rate schedule will receive a Great Plains Natural Gas Co. bill whereby the service is identified as "Interruptible Gas Service".

Phase II Availability (*effective start date of Phase II*):

For the community of Wahpeton for all interruptible general gas service customers whose interruptible natural gas load will exceed 100,000 dk annually as metered at a single delivery point.

The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible load. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. Customer's firm load shall be billed at Firm General Gas Service Rate 73. For interruption purposes, the maximum daily firm requirement shall be set forth in the firm service agreement.

The Company reserves the right to refuse the initiation of service under this rate schedule based on the availability of gas supply.

#### Rate:

Phase I:

Basic Service Charge: \$180.00 per month

Distribution Delivery Charge:

Maximum \$0.670 per dk

Minimum \$0.130 per dk

Cost of Gas: Determined Monthly- See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate

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Phase II:

Basic Service Charge: \$500.00 per month

Distribution Delivery Charge:

Maximum \$0.656 per dk

Minimum \$0.130 per dk

Cost of Gas: Determined Monthly- See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate

**Minimum Bill:**

Basic Service Charge.

**Payment:**

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.13, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

**Cost of Gas:**

The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in Cost of Gas – Natural Gas - Wahpeton Rate 89 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

**General Terms and Conditions:**

1. PRIORITY OF SERVICE – Deliveries of gas under this schedule shall be subject at all times to the prior demands of customers served on the Company's Wahpeton firm gas service rates, and the Company shall have the right to interrupt deliveries to customers under this schedule without being required to give previous notice of intention to so interrupt whenever, in Company's sole judgment, it may be necessary to do so to protect the interest of its customers whose capacity requirements are otherwise and hereby given preference. The priority of service and allocation of capacity shall be accomplished in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11.
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3. AGREEMENT – Customer will be required to enter into an agreement for service hereunder for a minimum term of 12 months. Written notice of termination by either Company or customer must be given at least 90 days prior to the end of the initial term. Absent execution of such termination notice, the agreement shall continue for additional terms of equal length until written notice is given as provided herein, prior to the end of any subsequent term. Upon expiration of service, the customer may apply for and receive, at the sole discretion of the Company, gas service under this rate or another appropriate rate schedule for the customer's operations.
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**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.**  
**Gas Utility - North Dakota**  
**Summary of Proposed Changes for Wahpeton**  
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<b>Change</b>	<b>GPNG ND Current</b>	<b>MDU ND Proposed</b>	<b># of Customers</b>
<b>Rate Classifications</b>			
Firm Service	Rate 65		
Residential		Rate 63	1,900
Firm General		Rate 73	
Small < 500 CFH			282
Large < 500 CFH			145
Total Firm Service			<u>2,327</u>
Interruptible Sales Service	Rate 71		
Small < 10,000 Dk Annually		Rate 76	17
Large > 10,000 Dk Annually		Rate 86	<u>2</u>
			19
Interruptible Transportation Service 1/	Rate 80		
Small < 10,000 Dk Annually		Rate 83	0
Large > 10,000 Dk Annually		Rate 84	<u>0</u>
			0
<b>Other Tariff Changes</b>			
Firm Gas Extensions	Rate 105	Rate 120	
Free Footage - Mains	Up to 95 feet	Not provided for	
Free Footage - Service Lines	Up to 65 feet	Not provided for	
Refunds	Without interest	With interest	
		No refunds < \$25.00	
Service Line Connections		Not billed separately	
Input loads up to 400,000 Btu/hour	\$25.00		
Input loads > 400,000 Btu/hour	\$50.00		
Interruptible customers	\$100.00		
Late Payment Charge Rate	1.33%	1.00%	
Seasonal Reconnections	\$30.00	2/	

1/ Today the only Transportation Service Rate 80 customer is a contract rate customer.

2/ Residential - the Basic Service Charge applicable during the period service was not being used and a charge of \$30.00. The minimum will be based on standard overtime rates for reconnecting service after normal business hours. Non-Residential - the Basic Service Charge applicable during the period service was not being used. The reconnection charge applicable to seasonal business concerns will have the distribution revenue collected, while in service for customers whose consumption exceeds the annual authorized usage for the class. from the Basic Service Charge revenue for the time the customer was not in service in addition to a \$30.00 charge.

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Gas Utility - North Dakota  
Revenues Under Current and Proposed Rates - Interim**

Customer Class/Rate	Projected 2021			Total Proposed Revenue	Proposed Revenue Increase	Percent Increase
	Customers	Dk	Revenues			
<b>Residential - Rate 60</b>	96,225	8,467,441	\$57,827,536	\$61,951,427	\$4,123,891	7.1%
<b>Firm General Service - Rate 7</b>	16,276	8,378,483	46,440,489	48,721,031	2,280,542	4.9%
<b>Air Force - Rate 64</b>						
Firm	1	36,425	159,201	161,612	2,411	
Interruptible	2	396,550	1,137,554	1,154,035	16,481	
<b>Total Air Force</b>	<u>3</u>	<u>432,975</u>	<u>1,296,755</u>	<u>1,315,647</u>	<u>18,892</u>	<u>1.5%</u>
<b>Small Interruptible</b>						
Sales - Rate 71	87	514,844	2,103,283	2,230,907	127,624	6.1%
Transportation - Rate 81	61	1,015,084	817,156	957,020	139,864	17.1%
<b>Total Small IT</b>	<u>148</u>	<u>1,529,928</u>	<u>2,920,439</u>	<u>3,187,927</u>	<u>267,488</u>	<u>9.2%</u>
<b>Large Interruptible</b>						
Sales - Rate 85	0	0	0	0	0	
Transportation - Rate 82	7	4,741,919	1,043,054	1,089,068	46,014	4.4%
<b>Total Large IT</b>	<u>7</u>	<u>4,741,919</u>	<u>1,043,054</u>	<u>1,089,068</u>	<u>46,014</u>	<u>4.4%</u>
<b>Firm Gas - GPNG Rate 65</b>	2,327	293,200	1,644,594	1,708,243	63,649	3.9%
<b>Interruptible - GPNG</b>						
Sales - GPNG Rate 71	19	792,211	3,193,676	3,286,334	92,658	2.9%
Transportation - Rate 80	9	1,125,190	382,113	382,113		
<b>Total IT</b>	<u>28</u>	<u>1,917,401</u>	<u>3,575,789</u>	<u>3,668,447</u>	<u>92,658</u>	<u>2.6%</u>
Montana-Dakota	112,659	23,550,746	109,528,273	116,265,100	6,736,827	
GPNG - ND	2,355	2,210,601	5,220,383	5,376,690	156,307	
<b>Total North Dakota</b>	<u>115,014</u>	<u>25,761,347</u>	<u>\$114,748,656</u>	<u>\$121,641,790</u>	<u>\$6,893,134</u>	<u>6.0%</u>

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.  
 GAS UTILITY - NORTH DAKOTA  
 RATE 60 BILL COMPARISON - INTERIM  
 RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Dk</u>	<u>Present Rate 1/</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	<u>Amount of Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
January	15	\$81.03	\$84.67	\$3.64	4.49%
February	15	78.97	82.26	3.29	4.17%
March	12	69.07	72.71	3.64	5.27%
April	9	56.44	59.96	3.52	6.24%
May	5	41.19	44.83	3.64	8.84%
June	2	28.55	32.07	3.52	12.33%
July	1	25.25	28.89	3.64	14.42%
August	1	25.25	28.89	3.64	14.42%
September	2	28.55	32.07	3.52	12.33%
October	4	37.20	40.84	3.64	9.78%
November	9	56.44	59.96	3.52	6.24%
December	13	73.06	76.70	3.64	4.98%
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>\$601.00</b>	<b>\$643.85</b>	<b>\$42.85</b>	<b>7.13%</b>

Average Increase per Month \$3.57

<u>Rate 60</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Basic Delivery Charge	\$0.686	\$0.686
Distribution Delivery	\$0.000	\$0.000
Projected Cost of Gas	\$3.984	\$3.984
Interim Rate		17.116%

**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.  
 GAS UTILITY - NORTH DAKOTA  
 GPNG ND RATE 65 BILL COMPARISON - INTERIM  
 RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Dk</u>	<u>Present Rate 1/</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	<u>Amount of Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
January	15	\$83.44	\$86.58	\$3.14	3.76%
February	16	88.60	91.88	3.28	3.70%
March	12	67.95	70.66	2.71	3.99%
April	8	46.81	48.88	2.07	4.42%
May	4	25.15	26.48	1.33	5.29%
June	1	8.91	9.69	0.78	8.75%
July	1	8.91	9.69	0.78	8.75%
August	1	8.91	9.69	0.78	8.75%
September	1	8.91	9.69	0.78	8.75%
October	2	14.32	15.29	0.97	6.77%
November	8	46.81	48.88	2.07	4.42%
December	11	62.79	65.36	2.57	4.09%
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>\$471.51</b>	<b>\$492.77</b>	<b>\$21.26</b>	<b>4.51%</b>

Average Increase per Month \$1.77

<u>Rate 60</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Basic Delivery Charge	\$3.50	\$3.50
Distribution Charge - First 10 Dk	\$1.0720	\$1.0720
Distribution Charge - Over 10 Dk	\$0.8220	\$0.8220
Projected Cost of Gas	\$4.3408	\$4.3408
Interim Rate		17.116%