



# Public Service Commission

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11 September 2020

Timothy Dawson, Director  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
2911 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street – Suite 303  
Bismarck, ND 58503

Re: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
2020 Natural Gas Rate Increase  
Application

Case No. PU-20-379

Dear Mr. Dawson:

Enclosed is a request for an Administrative Law Judge for the captioned case. The case is in its early stages and a Notice of Hearing has not yet been issued. When a Notice is issued, we will forward it to your office.

The Administrative Law Judge will serve as a procedural law judge. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Best regards,

John Schuh  
General Counsel

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**REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE--APPEAL, APPLICATION, OR PETITION**  
 NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
 SFN 17819 (Rev. 06-2007)

Name of Agency, Board, or Commission  
 North Dakota Public Service Commission

The above named agency, board, or commission requests designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings for the Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., 2020 Natural Gas Rate Increase, Application, PSC Case No. PU-20-379

(e.g., application of [name], appeal of [name], petition of [name]). Authority for the administrative action is found in North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-05 (North Dakota Century Code and/or North Dakota Administrative Code).

Please attach related documents and correspondence.

The administrative action is more fully described as follows:  
 MDU submitted a Notice of Change in Rates for natural gas service which, if not suspended, or if suspended and later approved, is an annual increase of natural gas revenues from ratepayers.

It requests designation of an administrative law judge (please check one):

- To conduct the hearing and issue recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.
- To serve as a procedural administrative law judge only (no recommended decision). The agency head will be present at the hearing as required by NDCC 28-32-31(5). See NDCC 54-57-04.
- To conduct the hearing, issue findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a final order.


**PLEASE MAKE A REQUEST FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE HEARING.**

Please list parties, including the agency if it is a Party, and Representation [attorney (or other)] if known, or Agency Contact: (Attach separate list if necessary.)

AGENCY See attached	Address	Telephone Number
Representation	Address	Telephone Number
PARTY	Address	Telephone Number
Representation	Address	Telephone Number
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Additional Comments  
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(For agencies required to use OAH, notice of hearing will be issued by the administrative law judge, unless a procedural administrative law judge is requested. Other requesting agencies and agencies requesting a procedural administrative law judge should first contact OAH about scheduling a hearing. If notice has already been issued, attach a copy of the notice.)

Typed or Printed Name and Title of Requesting Person John Schuh, General Counsel	Date 9/11/2020
Signature of Requesting Person 	Telephone Number (701) 328-2421

Attachment  
 Request for ALJ  
 11 September 2020

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<b>Representation</b> Karl Liepitz Senior Attorney MDU Resources Group, Inc.	<b>Address</b> MDU Resources Group, Inc. PO Box 5650 Bismarck, ND 58506-5650	<b>Telephone Number</b> 701-530-1081
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