

Service Date: August 31, 1993

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF MONTANA-DAKOTA	)	UTILITY DIVISION
UTILITIES COMPANY, Consolidated	)	
Applications Pertaining to Gas	)	DOCKET NO. 93.4.19
Costs, Gas Cost Tracking	)	
Procedure, and Gas Tariffs.	)	ORDER NO. 5737

PROCEDURAL ORDER

On August 6, 1993 the Montana Public Service Commission (PSC) issued a Proposed Procedural Order in the above-entitled Docket. On August 16, 1993 Montana-Dakota Utilities Company (MDU) filed an Objection to Proposed Procedural Order requesting an approximate two week extension of time for the first scheduled event, MDU responses to outstanding discovery.

The PSC hereby grants MDU's request, amends the scheduling portion of the Proposed Procedural Order accordingly, extends all scheduled dates by approximately two weeks, and adopts the Proposed Procedural Order as the Procedural Order in the above-entitled Docket with the resulting amendment as follows:

Paragraph 3, "Schedule," is amended to read:

3. The following schedule shall govern the procedures in

this Docket. All dates pertaining to the exchange, filing, or service of papers are mailing dates unless otherwise specified. Parties shall use the most expeditious means of mailing available at reasonable cost. In addition to the schedule provided, local satellite hearings may be held, prehearing conferences may be conducted, and interim relief may be granted.

Primary Schedule

- (a) September 3, 1993: Final day for MDU to respond to all outstanding discovery (served prior to this Order, including data requests) pertaining to any and all consolidated dockets.
- (b) September 17, 1993: Final day for written discovery (includes data requests) from intervenors to MDU on the applications and related prefiled testimony.
- (c) October 1, 1993: Final day for MDU to respond to September 17, 1993, intervenor discovery.
- (d) October 15, 1993: Final day for testimony from intervenors.
- (e) October 22, 1993: Final day for intervenors to respond to all outstanding discovery (served prior to this Order, including data requests) pertaining to any and all consolidated dockets.

- (f) November 5, 1993: Final day for written discovery from MDU to intervenors.
- (g) November 5, 1993: Additional issues procedure commences (separate schedule, see below).
- (h) November 19, 1993: Final day for intervenors to respond to written discovery from MDU.
- (i) December 3, 1993: Final day for rebuttal testimony from MDU.
- (j) January 14, 1994: Final day for prehearing memorandum from MDU and intervenors.
- (k) January 21, 1994: Final day for depositions.
- (l) February 1, 1994: Hearing commences and continues from day to day until concluded (estimated 3 days).

Additional Issue Schedule

- (a) November 5, 1993: Additional issues (not previously identified) are identified to parties by staff.
- (b) November 19, 1993: Final day for testimony on additional issues (simultaneous from MDU and intervenors).
- (c) December 3, 1993: Final day for written discovery on additional issues testimony.
- (d) December 17, 1993: Final day for response to written discovery on additional issues.

(e) January 7, 1994: Final day for rebuttal testimony on additional issues (simultaneous from MDU and intervenors).

Done and dated this 23rd day of August, 1993, by a vote of 2-1.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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BOB ANDERSON, Chairman

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DAVE FISHER, Commissioner

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NANCY MCCAFFREE, Commissioner  
(Voting to Dissent)

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.