

Service Date: October 3, 2012

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) REGULATORY DIVISION
Of MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.,)
a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.,) DOCKET NO. D2012.9.100
for Authority to Establish Increased Rates for)
Natural Gas Service)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND INTERVENTION DEADLINE

On September 26, 2012, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU), a Division of Montana-Dakota Resources Group, Inc., filed its application with the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) seeking approval of increased natural gas delivery rates for service to its Montana customers. MDU's proposed rates would provide an additional \$3,457,412 of annual revenue, a 5.9% increase.

The application also seeks an interim increase of \$1,688,422 in annual delivery revenues, or approximately 2.92%.

A copy of MDU's filing and related documents are available for inspection at the Commission's office, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601; and at the Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC) office, 111 North Last Chance Gulch, P.O. Box 201703, Helena, Montana 59620-1703, telephone (406) 444-2771. The MCC is available and may be contacted to assist and represent the interests of the consuming public in this matter.

An interested person directly affected by MDU's filing that desires to be a party in this proceeding must intervene by filing a Petition to Intervene with the Commission no later than **October 23, 2012**. All documents filed with the Commission must be submitted electronically (e-filed) on the Commission's website at <http://psc.mt.gov> (see "Account Login Registration" under "Electronic Documents" tab); with an original either mailed or hand-delivered to the Commission's business office. The Commission will not post e-filed documents until it receives the original document. Any document filed with the Commission must be served on MDU, 400 North Fourth Street, Bismarck ND 58501, and on the MCC (see address above).

An interested person that does not wish to formally intervene in this docket may submit written public comments on the matter to the Commission at the above address, or through the Commission's web-based comment form on its website (click "Comment on Proceedings" in left column on home page).

The Commission's jurisdiction over this matter is provided at Title 69, MCA. The substantive and procedural laws applicable include Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA; Title 2, Chapter 4, MCA (MAPA); ARM Title 38, Ch. 5 (utilities); ARM Title 38, Ch. 2 (Commission procedural rules); and any prior orders of the Commission which may bear on the issues presented in this docket.

The Commission initially notices proceedings through the use of service lists. Persons who do not petition to intervene, but desire to be notified of orders and notices through the service list for this docket, should notify the Commission in writing of that desire by the Intervention Deadline.

Issuance of this Notice does not preclude the possibility that, within 30 days of the application filing date and consistent with the provisions of ARM 38.5.184, the Commission may find the application is deficient.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TRAVIS KAVULLA, Chairman
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