

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

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IN THE MATTER OF the Application of) REGULATORY DIVISION
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Authority)
to Establish Increased Rates for Electric) DOCKET NO. D2015.6.51
Service in the State of Montana)

**PREHEARING MEMORANDUM
OF THE MONTANA CONSUMER COUNSEL**

Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC) submits its prehearing memorandum in accordance with the Amended Procedural Order issued on September 8, 2015.

I. CONTESTED ISSUES.

MCC identifies the following contested issues in this docket:

- A. What is the appropriate revenue requirement for the Montana electric operation of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) in an adjusted 2014 test period.
- B. How should any change in revenue requirement be allocated among MDU's various customer classes?
- C. How should any change in the revenue requirement be collected in rates?

II. WITNESSES.

MCC will call Dr. John Wilson, Al Clark and Jack Pous to testify in this matter. MCC reserves the right to call and to cross-examine any witnesses identified or called by any party, and reserves the right to call any of its witnesses to rebut any testimony that is offered at hearing that is outside the scope of the prefiled materials, if appropriate.

III. EXHIBITS.

Depending on the sequence of testimony, MCC will offer the Direct Testimony of its 3 witnesses as MCC – Exhibits 1-3. MCC reserves the right to introduce other exhibits at the hearing as may become necessary.

IV. RESPONSES TO DATA REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS

MCC intends to move for the admission of the responses of all parties to all data requests in this Docket.

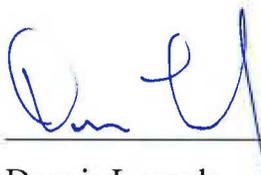
MCC reserves the right to introduce any other exhibits identified, referenced or relied upon in the testimony or by any party in this proceeding.

V. SPECIAL SCHEDULING NEEDS.

MCC requests that its witness, Dr. John Wilson, be allowed to testify no sooner than Wednesday, February 10, and that he complete his appearance no later than mid-morning on Thursday, February 11.

MCC further requests that its witness, Jack Pous, be allowed to testify, and to complete his testimony and be excused, by the completion of the hearing on Wednesday February 10.

DATED this 4th day of February, 2016.



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