

Service Date: July 8, 2015

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. D2015.6.51
for Authority to Establish Increased Rates for)	
Electric Service in the State of Montana)	

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND INTERVENTION DEADLINE

On June 25, 2015, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU), a Division of Montana-Dakota Resources Group, Inc., filed its *Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Authority to Establish Increased Rates for Electric Service in the State of Montana* with the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission). MDU's proposed rates would provide an additional \$11,755,752 of annual revenue, a 21.1% increase overall. The application also requests an interim increase of \$10,977,525. MDU states that it is proposing to increase rates because of compliance with new Environmental Protection Agency requirements involving coal facilities, the addition of wind and gas turbine facilities, and transmission investments. The proposed rate increase will affect approximately 25,840 electric customers in Montana.

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 **July 31, 2015**. 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 website (click "Comment on Proceedings" in left column on home page).

The Commission's jurisdiction over this matter is provided by Montana Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 3, regarding regulation of utilities; Title 2, Chapter 4, regarding administrative proceedings; and Admin. R. Mont 38.5.101-611 regarding the filing of utility rate change applications.

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

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman
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