

Service Date: January 13, 2016

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

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) will conduct a public hearing in the matter of the *Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Authority to Establish Increased Rates for Electric Service in the State of Montana*. The hearing will commence on **Tuesday February 9, 2016**, at 9 a.m.in the Dawson County Courthouse Basement, 207 West Bell (Kendrick Avenue entrance), Glendive, Montana 59330.

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 Commission. MDU’s proposed rates would provide an additional \$11,755,752 of annual revenue, a 21.1% increase overall. 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.

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 Mont. Admin. R. 38.5.101-611 regarding the filing of utility rate change applications.

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.

Anyone needing accommodation for a physical, hearing, or sight impairment in order to attend or participate in the hearing should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199 at least one week prior to the hearing. The Commission will make every effort to accommodate individual impairments.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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