

Service Date: February 19, 1997

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, Application for)	DOCKET NO. D95.7.90
Authority to Increase Rates for Natural Gas)	(reserved issue #2)
Service in Montana.)	ORDER NO. 5856f

REVISED PROCEDURAL ORDER (SCHEDULE)

Introduction

On request of the Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC), on December 16, 1996, the Public Service Commission (PSC) issued a Procedural Order, Order No. 5856e, establishing an abbreviated procedural schedule for the above-entitled Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) matter (reserved issue, proposed rate base additions for FAS-106 funding and prepaid tax, paras. 53-55, Order No. 5856b). That Procedural Order provided a schedule through the point of MCC testimony on the matter. MCC testimony was filed January 30, 1997.

It appears that MDU and MCC have substantially different positions on the matter. MDU and MCC are encouraged to settle the matter, but establishing the remaining schedule seems appropriate at this time. The PSC, itself or through delegation to PSC staff, hereby establishes the remaining schedule. This Order is effective immediately and remains effective unless and until modified by action of the PSC.

Schedule

All dates listed in the following schedule are mailing dates (for filing and service) unless otherwise specified.

- (a)-(c) Already occurred.
- (d) March 6, 1997: final day for MDU discovery on MCC testimony.
- (e) March 18, 1997: final day for MCC response to MDU discovery.
- (f) March 27, 1997: final day for MDU rebuttal testimony.
- (g) April 8, 1997: final day for MCC discovery on MDU rebuttal testimony.
- (h) April 17, 1997: final day for MDU to respond to MCC discovery.
- (i) April 22, 1997: hearing in Helena.

Done and dated this 18th day of February, 1997, by delegation to PSC staff as an Order of the PSC.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DAVE FISHER, Chairman
NANCY MCCAFFREE, Vice Chair
BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner
DANNY OBERG, Commissioner
BOB ROWE, Commissioner

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