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### **PSC TO HOLD HEARING MAY 10 IN BILLINGS ON MDU'S GAS TRACKER CASES**

The state Public Service Commission will hold a hearing Wednesday, May 10, in Billings concerning three pending Montana-Dakota Utilities' annual natural gas cost tracker cases. The period covered by these filings is approximately June 2002 to May 2005. The annual applications by MDU to the PSC are to request final approval of the monthly gas cost tracking adjustments.

The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in the Yellowstone County Courthouse, Commissioners' Board Room, Room 403A, 217 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street.

Under the gas tracking procedure, MDU submits monthly rate adjustments to the PSC to reflect its gas costs, but the monthly rate changes are subject to an annual "true-up" to reconcile the company's estimates of monthly gas costs with what the actual costs proved to be.

The hearing is for the purpose of receiving technical evidence (testimony and exhibits) and public comment for consideration by the PSC.

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