

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
2020 Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application**

Case No. PU-20-379

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS AND HEARING

January 6, 2021

On August 26, 2020, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) and Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Great Plains) filed with the Commission a combined increase in rates for natural gas service. MDU and Great Plains rate increase results in an annual increase in its annual North Dakota natural gas service revenue of \$8,972,426 or 7.8 percent. Interim rates subject to refund were approved on December 16, 2020.

The Commission will be holding public input sessions and a formal technical hearing on the rate increase request. The public is encouraged to view the public input sessions and formal technical hearing electronically via <https://psc.nd.gov/public/meetings/live.php> or listen telephonically via 1-888-585-9008 with room code 259-316-322. The issues to be considered are:

1. What is the value of MDU's and Great Plains' property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
2. What is MDU's and Great Plains' rate of return on its property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
3. What is a just and reasonable rate of return on MDU's and Great Plains' property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
4. What rates and charges are necessary to provide a just and reasonable rate of return on MDU's and Great Plains' property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
5. Are MDU's and Great Plains' proposed rate schedules designed in such a manner that they result in a basis of charge to its customers that is just and reasonable without discrimination?

Public Input Sessions will be held **March 2, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. central time** and **March 2, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. central time**. Due to the state emergency, the Public Input Sessions will be held remotely. A public input session is not considered part of the formal technical hearing and record evidence. The discussion will, however, aid the Commission and its staff in identifying areas of concern and issues that may require investigation.

- **Written** - Written public input may be submitted through email via ndpsc@nd.gov or by mail addressed to:

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600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

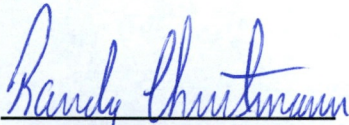
- **Telephonic** – The public may provide input over the phone by calling 701-328-4081 to be placed on a list. On March 2, 2021, the Commission will call you back during the designated input session.

A **formal technical hearing** on the gas rate increase is scheduled to begin **March 17, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. central time** in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. Due to the state emergency, the Public Hearing will be held remotely.

Anyone wishing to become a party to this proceeding is encouraged to file a Petition to Intervene as early in the process as possible to allow, if granted intervenor status, full participation in prehearing filings and other actions. Consequently, anyone wishing to become a party should file a **Petition to Intervene by March 5, 2021**. A Petition to Intervene does not need to be filed to participate in a Public Input Session.

For more information, contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify the Commission.

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