

Public input sessions provide a chance for customers to learn more about the rate case issues. Customers are encouraged to make comments, suggestions and ask questions regarding Montana-Dakota's application.



North Dakota Public Input Session

The North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) has scheduled informal public input sessions via interactive television on **Monday, July 12 starting at Noon CDT** and **Tuesday, July 13 starting at 7:30 pm CDT** to allow customers of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) the opportunity to present their input regarding Montana-Dakota's application to increase its electric rates.

Montana-Dakota has asked for an overall increase of 14 percent which would produce approximately \$15.4 million in additional annual revenues if approved by the Commission. Montana-Dakota's electric general rates were last increased in January 2004.

Montana-Dakota has also requested an interim annual increase in rates of \$7.6 million or 7 percent to be effective June 19, 2010. This request was made in accordance with North Dakota law that provides for the collection of a portion of the total amount requested to be effective on an interim basis, subject to refund, during the time the Commission is investigating the Company's Application to change rates.

The primary reasons for the request for increased rates are 1) increased investment in electric facilities including renewable generating facilities, 2) the loss of wholesale sales and 3) recovery of costs associated with developing new generation resources.

If the increase is granted in full, the average residential customer using 750 kilowatt hours

**You are invited to participate in a
public input session on
July 12 @ Noon CDT
- or -
July 13 @ 7:30 p.m. CDT
at the following locations:**

- **Bismarck**
Bismarck State College
Vocational Technical Center, Room 216
1200 College Dr.
Bismarck, ND 58501
- **Dickinson**
Dickinson State University
Klinefelter Hall, Room 216
1679 6th Ave. W
Dickinson, ND 58601
- **Williston**
Williston State College
Main Building, Room 108
Williston, ND 58801

Or by connecting to the North Dakota Public Service Commission's web site <http://www.nd.gov/psc> and accessing the NDPSC **Broadcast of Public Input Sessions over IVN** link.

The Commission will accept e-mail questions during the input session at ndpsc@nd.gov.

For more information, please contact the North Dakota Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or 877-245-6685 (toll free in North Dakota); or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY.

monthly would see an increase of approximately \$7.50 per month. A summary of proposed rates is shown below. Proposed rate schedules and supporting testimony and schedules are available at <http://www.montana-dakota.com/NorthDakota> or by contacting a customer service representative at 1-800-638-3278.

The proposed increase by rate class is as follows:

Customer Class	Revenue Increase	
	\$	%
Residential Service.....	\$ 6,469,473	14.1%
Small General Service	1,275,437	14.8%
General Service.....	7,172,206	13.6%
Municipal Lighting.....	195,437	13.8%
Municipal Pumping.....	211,142	12.4%
Outdoor Lighting Service.....	72,608	14.7%
Total North Dakota Electric..	<u>\$15,396,303</u>	<u>13.9%</u>

Proposed rates for various classes of service are shown below:

Residential Electric Service – Rate 10

Rate:

- Basic Service Charge \$0.35 per day
- Energy Charge:
 - October – May
 - First 750 Kwh 5.830¢ per Kwh
 - Over 750 Kwh..... 2.830¢ per Kwh
 - June – September 5.830¢ per Kwh
- Base Fuel & Purchased Power 2.087¢ per Kwh

Small General Electric Service – Rate 20

Rate:

- Basic Service Charge \$0.70 per day
- Energy Charge:
 - October – May
 - First 750 Kwh 6.849¢ per Kwh
 - Over 750 Kwh..... 2.830¢ per Kwh
 - June – September 6.849¢ per Kwh
- Base Fuel & Purchased Power 2.087¢ per Kwh

Irrigation Power Service – Rate 25

Rate:

- Basic Service Charge \$0.65 per day
- Demand Charge
 - October – May \$1.25 per Kw
 - June – September \$3.00 per Kw
- Energy Charge 1.445¢ per Kwh
- Base Fuel & Purchased Power 2.087¢ per Kwh

General Electric Service – Rate 30

Rate:

- Primary Service
 - Basic Service Charge \$95.00 per month
 - Demand Charge
 - October – May \$6.25 per Kw
 - June – September \$9.25 per Kw
 - Energy Charge 2.769¢ per Kwh
 - Base Fuel & Purchased Power.. 2.024¢ per Kwh
- Secondary Service
 - Base Rate..... \$45.00 per month
 - Demand Charge
 - October – May \$8.25 per Kw
 - June – September \$11.25 per Kw
 - Energy Charge 2.849¢ per Kwh
 - Base Fuel & Purchased Power.. 2.087¢ per Kwh

Other Proposed Rates Available:

- Optional Residential Electric Thermal Energy Storage Service – Rate 13; Optional Time-of-Day Residential Electric Service – Rate 16; Optional Time-of-Day Small General Electric Service – Rate 26; Optional Time-of-Day General Electric Service – Rate 31; General Electric Space Heating Service – Rate 32; Interruptible Large Power Demand Response – Rate 38; Municipal Lighting Service – Rate 41; Municipal Pumping Service – Rate 48; Outdoor Lighting Service – Rate 52.