

# Public Service Commission of Montana



## Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

400 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Bismarck, ND 58501

### Natural Gas Service

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1. The Company will install, at its expense, a service line extending from the main to the connection at the premise regulator and/or meter for all customers connected on and after (effective date of tariff) and all replacement service lines installed on and after (effective date of tariff). The service line installed by the Company will remain the Company's property.
2. A non-refundable contribution may be required for that portion of the service line cost not supported by the expected or actual connected load. The contribution requirement will be determined based on minimum footage allowances determined annually taking into account the maximum allowable investment defined in Rate 120 and the average installed per foot cost. The Company reserves the right to charge customer the total cost of the installed service line if service is not initiated within 12 months of such installation.
3. The portion of the service line not cost justified shall be charged to the customer on the basis of direct costs to the Company. The Company may, at its option, calculate a statewide average cost per foot for such work based on its experience and may use such calculated amount for billing purposes. No minimum amount shall apply.
4. Where service line location changes are made due to building encroachments (a building is being constructed or is already located over a service line, etc.), customer shall be charged on the basis of direct costs incurred by the Company.
5. Whenever a service line is damaged by the customer or someone under the employ of the customer necessitating the service line to be either repaired or replaced in whole or in substantial part, such work shall be charged for on a direct cost basis. If the damage was caused by independent contractors, not in the employ of customer, the charges shall be billed directly to such contractor.

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6. Service line changes necessary to increase the size and capacity of an existing service line because of increased demand shall be treated in accordance with ¶ 2. above.

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