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## Protect Yourself from Telephone Scams

Montana-Dakota is warning customers about a utility scam that has hit parts of our service territory. People and businesses have been receiving calls from someone representing themselves as a utility company representative and stating that if you do not pay your utility bill immediately over the phone your utility service will be disconnected.

Montana-Dakota does not operate in that manner and we advise customers to hang up and call us at 1-800-638-3278 if you receive such a call. Customers should not share information such as credit card or checking account numbers with individuals who contact them in this manner.

When Montana-Dakota credit representatives contact customers, the representative will always have the customer's account number. Montana-Dakota credit representatives primarily call to work with a customer on a payment arrangement.

The Montana-Dakota credit representative will direct you to use the following for utility payments:

- An authorized Western Union ${ }^{\circledR}$ Convenience $\mathrm{Pay}^{\otimes}$ location, if there is one in your area. This service is free of charge.
- An authorized drop box location, if there is one in your area.
- Mailing a check to Montana-Dakota's post office box - PO Box 5600, Bismarck, ND 58506-5600.
- Online through Montana-Dakota's online account services, visit www.montanadakota.com and log in to your account. This service is free of charge.
- Western Union ${ }^{\circledR}$ Speedpay ${ }^{\circledR}$ which is an independent service provider not affiliated with Montana-Dakota. Customers have the option of paying online or by phone. Western Union charges a \$3.95 convenience fee for use of this service.
The phone number for Western Union is 1-866-263-5185 and the web address is https://paynow7.speedpay.com/ MontanaDakota/index.asp.

For a full listing of Montana-Dakota's authorized Convenience Pay and drop box locations visit www.montana-dakota.com/ customer-service-/payment-locations or call customer service at 1-800-638-3278.

