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## Natural Gas Interim Rates

**Effective January 1, 2021 for  
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
(A Division of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.)**

On August 26, 2020, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) filed an application with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) for an increase in the Company's natural gas rates applicable to both Montana-Dakota's and Great Plains' North Dakota gas operations. If approved by the Commission, the proposed new rates will result in an increase in total revenue of \$8.97 million annually or 7.8 percent over current rates. The increase is primarily due to increased investment in the Company's natural gas facilities to improve system safety and reliability. As part of this regulatory filing, Montana-Dakota is also seeking to combine natural gas operations within North Dakota, which means transitioning the 2,355 Great Plains customers in Wahpeton and surrounding areas to be a Montana-Dakota customer at the conclusion of this rate case.

State law allows Montana-Dakota to charge an interim rate while the Commission considers the Company's request for a change in rates. On December 16, 2020, the Commission authorized Montana-Dakota to implement an interim increase in the amount of \$6.89 million annually or 6.0



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percent over current rates to be effective January 1, 2021. The Commission is allowed seven months from the date of the Company's filing to issue a final decision on the Company's request. If the final approved increase is lower than the interim increase, Montana-Dakota will refund the difference to its customers with interest. An average Wahpeton residential customer bill would increase \$1.77 per month under the interim rate.

The interim rate of 17.116% is effective with service rendered on and after January 1, 2021. The interim rate will be applied to the amounts billed under the Basic Service Charge and Distribution Delivery Charge applicable under each rate schedule and will be shown as a separate line item on your bill. The first bill you receive may be prorated, depending on the date your meter is read. This means that only the portion of your bill for service on and after January 1, 2021 will reflect the interim rate adjustment.

The current applicable rates for various classes of service are shown below:

**Firm Gas Service – Rate 65**

**Rate:**

Basic Service Charge . . . . .	\$3.50 per month
Distribution Delivery Charge	
First 10 dk . . . . .	\$1.0720 per dk
Over 10 dk . . . . .	\$0.8220 per dk
Cost of Gas (as of January 1, 2021) . . . . .	\$2.6484 per dk
Interim Rate Adjustment . . . . .	17.116%

**Interruptible Gas Service – General Rate 71**

**Rate:**

Basic Service Charge . . . . .	\$3.50 per month
Distribution Delivery Charge	
First 400 dk . . . . .	\$1.0160 per dk
Next 2,600 dk . . . . .	\$0.7675 per dk
Over 3,000 dk . . . . .	\$0.6140 per dk

Cost of Gas (as of January 1, 2021) . . . . .	\$2.3819 per dk
Interim Rate Adjustment . . . . .	17.116%

**Transportation Service – Rate 80**

**Rate:**

Basic Service Charge . . . . .	\$3.50 per month
Distribution Delivery Charge	
First 400 dk . . . . .	\$1.0160 per dk
Next 2,600 dk . . . . .	\$0.7675 per dk
Over 3,000 dk . . . . .	\$0.6140 per dk
Interim Rate Adjustment . . . . .	17.116%

**How to calculate your bill**

This information is to assist you in checking your bill. A residential service (billed under Rate 65) is used for this example.

1. Assume a month's use of 14.8 Mcf\*
2. Multiply the Mcf x 1.0135 (the average thermal factor\*\* in Wahpeton) = 15 dk
3. Determine bill calculations:
 

Basic Service Charge . . . . .	\$3.50
Distribution Delivey Charge	
First 10 dk (10.0 dk x \$1.0720 per dk) . . . . .	\$10.72
Over 10 dk (5.0 dk x \$0.8220 per dk) . . . . .	\$4.11
Cost of Gas (15.0 dk @ \$2.6484 per dk) . . . . .	\$39.73
Interim Rate Adjustment \$18.33 x 17.116% . . . . .	\$3.14
<b>Total bill . . . . .</b>	<b>\$61.20</b>

\*Natural gas is measured by your natural gas meter in units called Mcf, which means "thousand cubic feet." The Mcf is converted to dk by applying a thermal factor.

\*\*The thermal factor is a combination of the Btu content of natural gas and the average atmospheric pressure at your location. This factor appears on your monthly bill.

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