# ELECTRIC & NATURAL GAS UTILITIES PRIMER

Data provided as of 9/30/2022





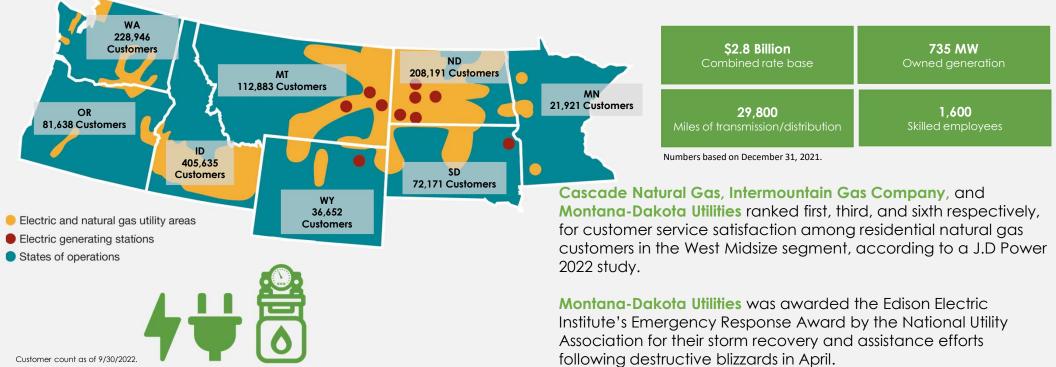
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#### **UTILITIES GROUP BUSINESS OVERVIEW**

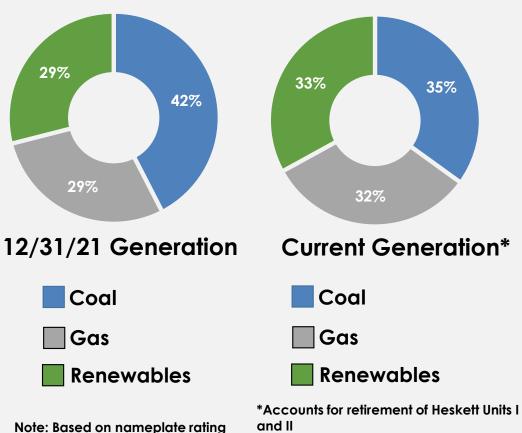
Customer count as of 9/30/2022.

Our utilities group of four brands is committed to providing affordable and reliable electric and natural gas service to 1.16 million customers across eight states



# AINTERMOUNTAIN & GREAT PLAINS

## **GENERATION MIX**



- Increased renewable generation from 11% of portfolio to 29% since 2010
- Retired three coal-fired units in 2021-2022 totaling 144-megawatts
- Constructing an 88-megawatt gas fired plant as a replacement; expected to be placed in service in 2023
- Coal trending down to 31% over the next two years from 69% in 2013 – mix shifting toward renewables and natural gas



# RATE BASE ORGANIC GROWTH DRIVERS

#### Continuous Rate Base growth supported by strong customer growth and system investments

- Utility earnings growth is driven by capital deployment, resulting in growth in Rate Base
- Organic growth is driven in part by positive demographics
  - 1.7% annual customer growth rate since 2016 and 1-2% continued projected growth through 2026
  - Compares favorably to other utilities
- MDU Utilities Group expected to deploy \$2.1 billion in capex over the next 5 years
  - Focus on upgrading and expanding existing systems, replacing coal-fired units, while targeting regulatory recovery of costs

#### Historical MDU Utilities Group Customer Base



#### Projected MDU Utilities Group Rate Base<sup>1</sup>



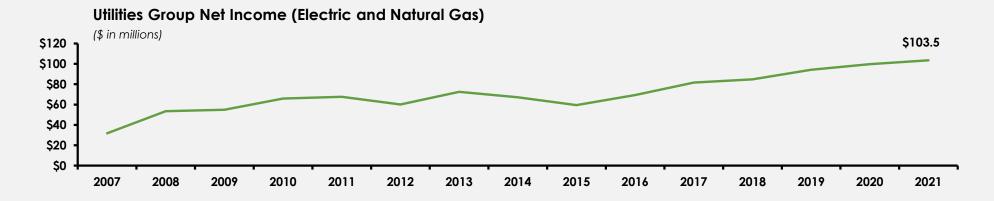
1. Including CWIP.



#### UTILITY INDUSTRY REGULATORY DYNAMICS

#### Constructive regulatory mechanisms help stabilize earnings performance

- Constructive regulatory relationships in all service territories allow for adequate and timely recovery of incurred costs
  - Largely operates on forward test periods, supported by interim rate relief and/or full decoupling in certain jurisdictions
  - In addition, the utilities group in large part is allowed timely recovery via dedicated trackers and normalization mechanisms, such as fuel and purchased gas clause adjustments



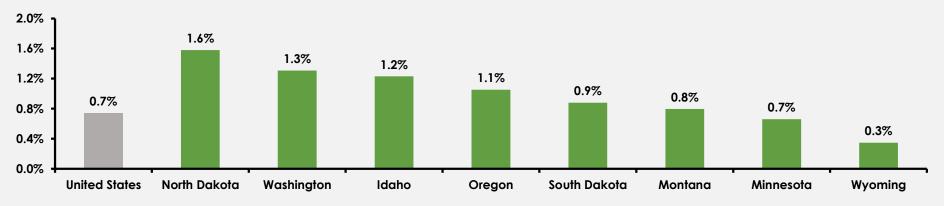


#### STRONG DEMOGRAPHIC BACKDROP

#### Customer growth driven by strong demographic expansion in key markets

- Projected population growth in nearly all of our service territories is faster than the national average
- North Dakota is both our largest and fastest-growing service territory
- Diversified residential, commercial, and industrial customer base allows the company to capitalize across a variety of verticals as our key service areas continue to grow

#### Projected Population CAGR, 2020-20301



<sup>1.</sup> University of Virginia Weldon Cooper Center, Demographics Research Group. (2018). National Population Projections.

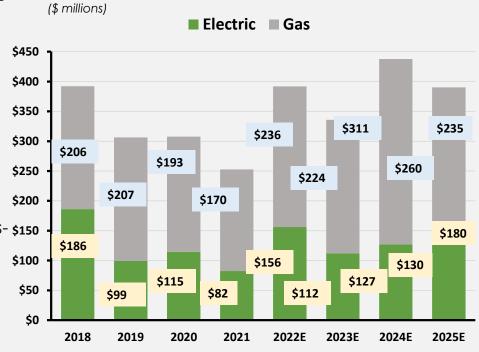


#### **CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

#### Balanced CapEx investments support growth

- Expect to deploy nearly \$1.2 billion in CapEx over the next 3 years
- Investments will be deployed for:
  - System upgrades and replacements needed to supply safe and reliable service
  - Supporting customer growth
- Capital expenditures forecast also includes:
  - Construction of 88-megawatt simple-cycle, natural gas- \$150 fired combustion turbine near Mandan, North Dakota
  - Decommissioning the Heskett Units I and II coal-fired electric generating facilities

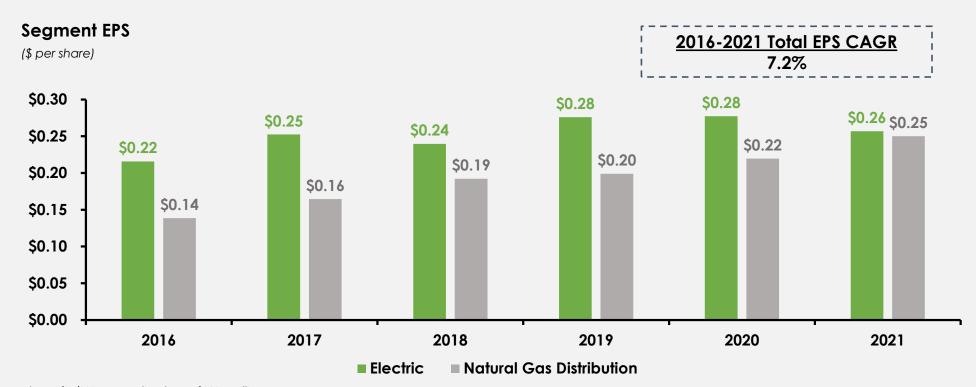
#### **Capital Expenditures**





### **EARNINGS PER SHARE**

#### Steady EPS growth since 2016



Based on 12/31/2021 outstanding shares of 202.4 million.

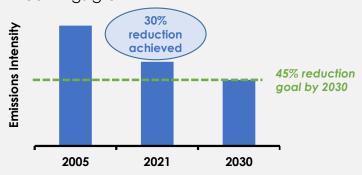


#### **ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS**

#### Focused on operating our business with a decreasing environmental footprint

#### **GHG Emissions Reduction Targets**

- Target to reduce electric utility GHG emissions by 45% by 2030 vs. 2005 levels
- Reduction to be achieved primarily through the continued diversification of our electric generating fleet, helping drive rate base / earnings growth



#### **Sustainable Operations**



#### **Retirement of Coal Facilities**

- Ceased operations at Lewis & Clark Station in Sydney, MT in March 2021
- Ceased operations at Heskett I & II in Mandan, ND in February 2022
- Company no longer wholly owns any coal fired units

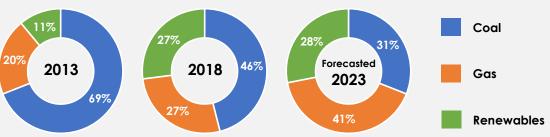


Water Use. Facilities safely utilize water from rivers, lakes, and wells for various processes and cleanly discharge them back to the water bodies



Renewable Energy. As of December 31, 2021, approximately 29% of electric generation nameplate capacity was from renewable resources

#### Transitioning Our Electric Resources (Based on Nameplate Rating)



# JAMESTOWN TO ELLENDALE 345-KILOVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE



 One of 18 transmission projects recently approved by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) as part of its first phase of the multi-year Long-Range Transmission Planning initiative. Montana-Dakota Utilities to collectively work with Otter Tail Power Company to own, construct, operate, and maintain the project, which MISO estimates will cost approximately \$439 million, of which the company expects to invest 50%, recovered through a MISO rate. Allows both companies to create a more resilient regional transmission grid while continuing to provide reliable, affordable electricity to its customers. Work to begin late in 2022 to coordinate with landowners, local governments, agencies, and other interested parties. Targeting an in-service date of late 2028.





# **ELECTRIC REGULATORY MECHANISMS**

|                                    | MT | ND | SD         | WY |
|------------------------------------|----|----|------------|----|
| Fuel Clause<br>Adjustment          | ×  | ×  | ×          | ×  |
| Transmission Rider                 |    | ×  | ×          |    |
| Infrastructure/<br>Renewable Rider |    | ×  | ×          |    |
| <b>Generation Rider</b>            |    | ×  |            |    |
| Property Tax Tracker               |    |    |            |    |
| Interim Rate Relief                | ×  |    |            |    |
| Forecasted Test Period             | ×  | ×  | <b>x</b> * |    |
| Forward Year Test Period           | ×  | ×  | ×          | ×  |
| Energy Efficiency<br>Tracker       | ×  |    |            |    |

<sup>\*</sup>If rate case isn't completed in 6 months full rate request goes into effect on an interim basis



# NATURAL GAS REGULATORY MECHANISMS

|   | MN | MT | ND | SD       | WY | ID | WA | OR |
|---|----|----|----|----------|----|----|----|----|
| Purchased Gas<br>Adjustment                 | ×  | ×  | ×  | ×        | ×  | ×  | ×  | ×  |
| Full Decoupling                             | ×  |    |    |          |    |    | ×  | ×  |
| Weather Normalization                       | ×  |    | ×  | ×        |    |    | ×  | ×  |
| Full Fixed Residential<br>Rate              |    |    | ×  |          |    |    |    |    |
| Pipeline Replacement /<br>Integrity Tracker | ×  |    |    |          |    |    | ×  |    |
| Property Tax Tracker                        |    | ×  |    |          |    |    |    |    |
| Earnings Sharing                            |    |    |    |          |    |    | ×  | ×  |
| Interim Rate Relief                         | ×  | ×  | ×  | <b>*</b> |    |    |    |    |
| Forecasted Test Period                      |    |    |    |          |    |    |    |    |
| Forward Year Test Period                    | ×  | ×  | ×  | ×        | ×  | ×  |    | ×  |
| Historical Test Period                      |    |    |    |          |    |    | ×  |    |
| Energy Efficiency Tracker                   | ×  | ×  |    | ×        |    | ×  | ×  | ×  |

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