

**TESTIMONY REGARDING SENATE BILL 2313  
SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
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Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Justin Dever and I am testifying today on behalf of MDU Resources Group and its subsidiary Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. has been serving customers in the region with reliable electric and natural gas since 1924. This includes about 93,000 electric customers and 113,000 natural gas customers in 158 North Dakota communities.

While we have concerns with the original version of SB 2313, we support the amendments provided by the bill sponsor and feel they are a fair and reasonable compromise that would provide policy makers with information regarding the resiliency of the electric grid. We appreciate the willingness of the bill sponsors to work with stakeholders in developing these amendments.

We respectfully ask the committee to adopt the amendments and recommend Do Pass on the amended bill.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to visit with you today. That concludes my testimony and I am happy to entertain any questions.