









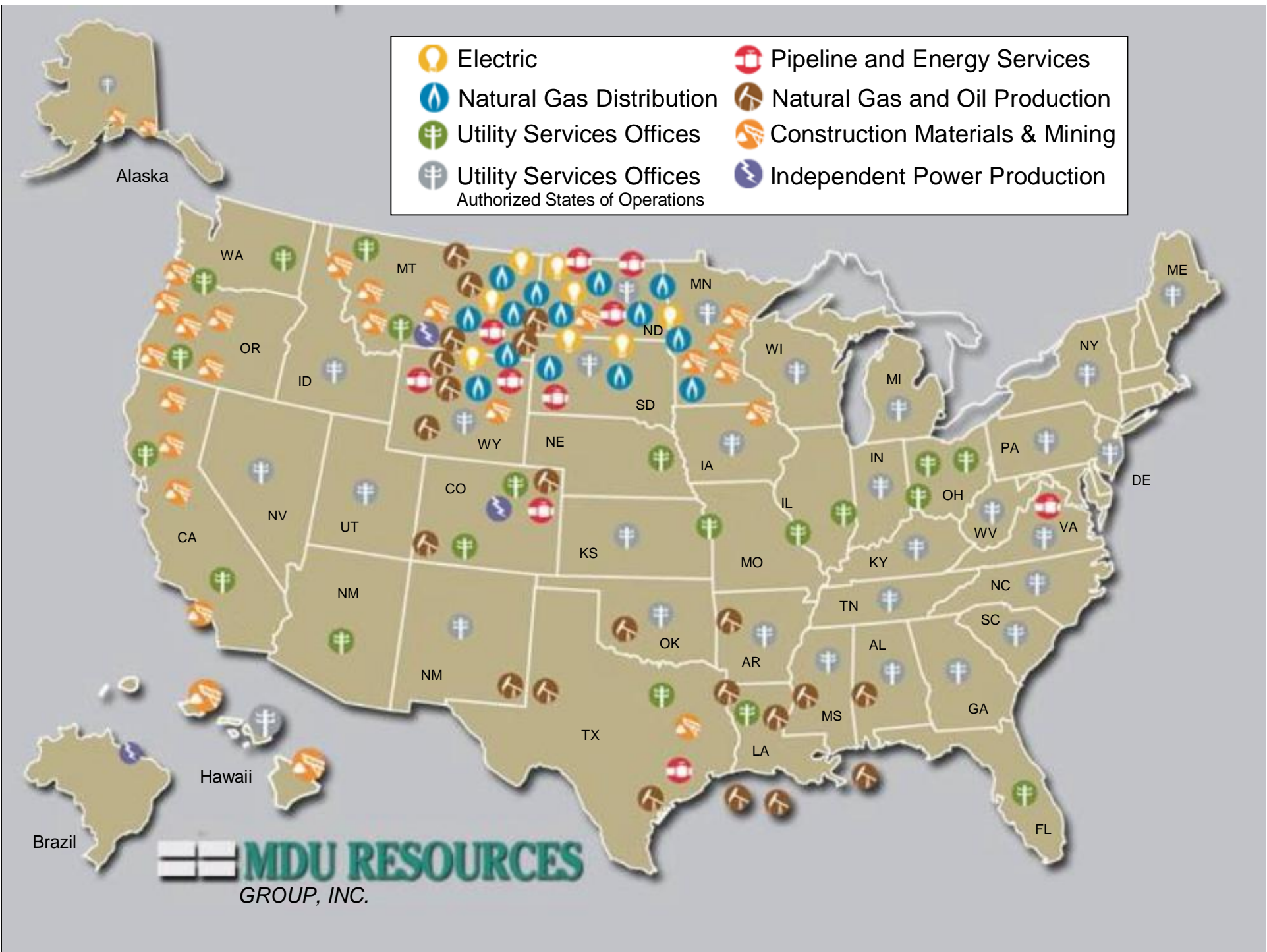
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 Electric	 Pipeline and Energy Services
 Natural Gas Distribution	 Natural Gas and Oil Production
 Utility Services Offices	 Construction Materials & Mining
 Utility Services Offices Authorized States of Operations	 Independent Power Production



 **MDU RESOURCES**  
GROUP, INC.

## Electric Distribution



## Natural Gas Distribution

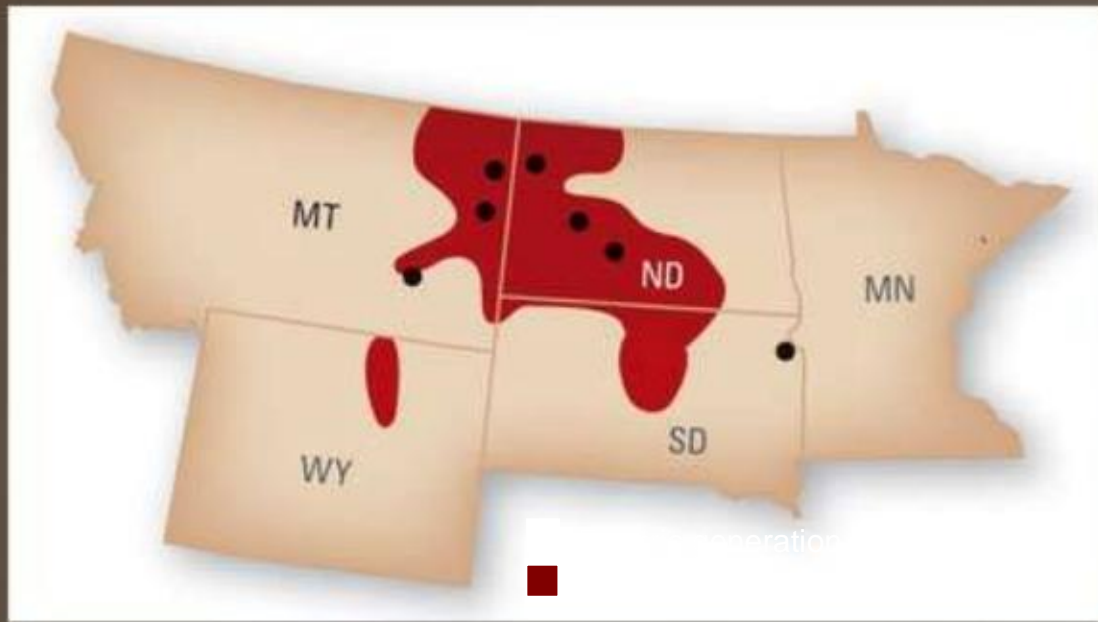


**MP** **MONTANA-DAKOTA**  
*UTILITIES CO.*

**GREAT PLAINS**  
*NATURAL GAS CO.*

## Electric Generation & Transmission

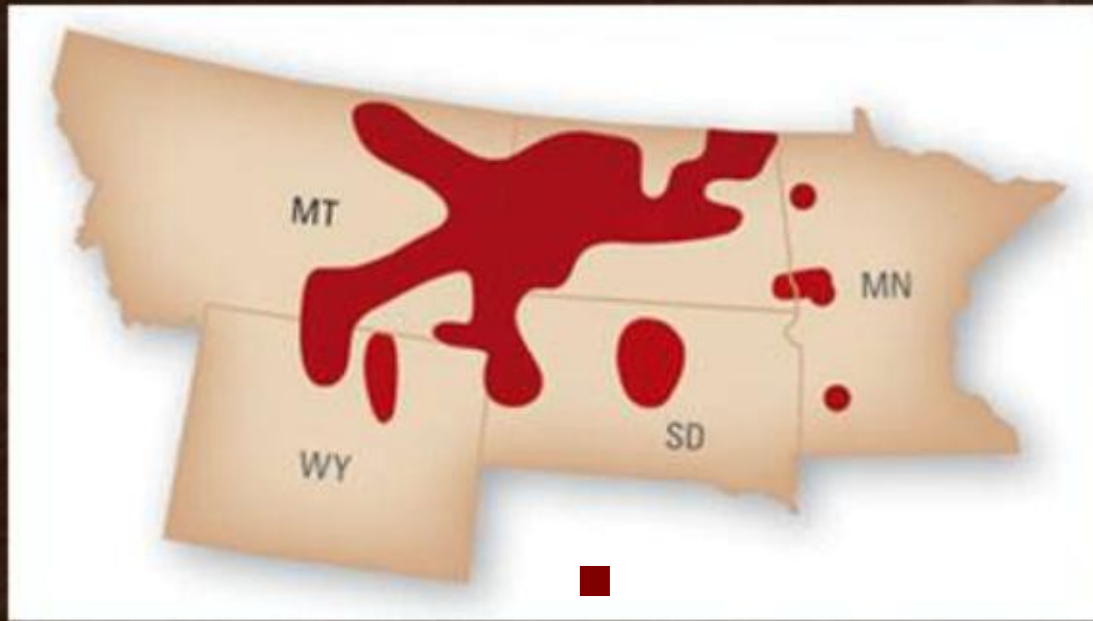




# ELECTRIC

- Own **474 MW** of electric generation and purchase additional **129 MW**
- **118,000** customers
- **115** Communities
- **2,936** miles of overhead
- **1,247** miles of underground

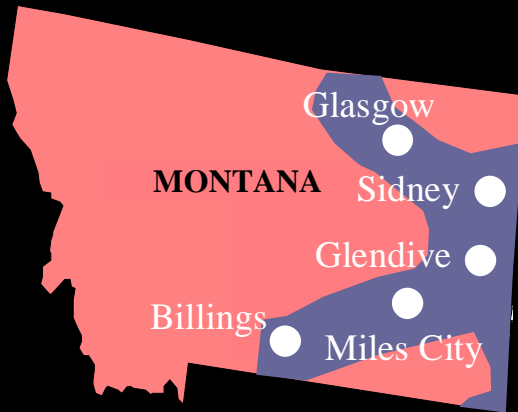
# NATURAL GAS SERVICE



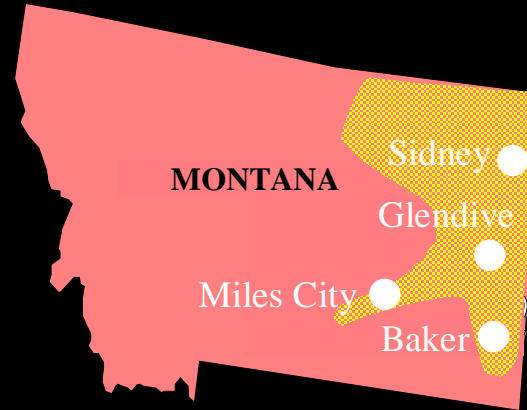
- 250,000 customers
- 161 Communities
- 5 states
- 5,186 miles of natural gas distribution



# Montana Utility Operations



 Natural Gas Distribution Area



 Electric Distribution Area

- **37 Communities**
  - **2004 – 73,150 Customers**
  - **2000 – 70,000 Customers**
- **30 Communities**
  - **2004 – 23,700 Customers**
  - **2000 – 23,500 Customers**
- **Montana utility employees – 185 (986 total utility)**

# Future Focus



- **Commodity Costs / Supply**
  - **Promote Development**
- **Energy Use**
- **Montana Economic Health**
- **Technology**
- **Workforce**
  - **Vocational and Secondary**

# General Industry Trends



- **Energy Supply**
  - **Some Utility Owned**
    - **Coal, Gas & Renewables**
- **Capital Investment**
  - **Infrastructure**
- **Technology**
- **Consolidation**
  - **Utilities Return to Basics**
  - **Energy Act – PUCHA Repeal**
  - **National**
  - **Regional**



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