

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. FOR)
APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS TO ITS)
RATES FOR RATE 95, RATE 96 AND RATE 97)**

**ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS**

EL16-026

On July 27, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for approval of tariff revisions for Rate 95 (Occasional Power Purchase Non-Time Differentiated), Rate 96 (Short-Term Power Purchase), and Rate 97 (Long-Term Power Purchase). This filing updates the energy and capacity payments as well as metering charges based on current data and removes Rate 97 (Long-Term Power Purchase). MDU states it currently has only one customer taking service under these rates and the annual change in revenue due to this filing will be minimal. A September 1, 2016, effective date is requested.

On July 28, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 12, 2016, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

On August 23, 2016, MDU filed its responses to Commission staff's data request and revised tariff pages. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

State of South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule – SDPUC Volume No. 2

Section No. 1

1st Revised Sheet No. 1

Canceling Original Sheet No. 1

Section No. 3

1st Revised Sheet No. 35

Canceling Original Sheet No. 35

1st Revised Sheet No. 36

Canceling Original Sheet No. 36

1st Revised Sheet No. 36.1

Canceling Original Sheet No. 36.1

1st Revised Sheet No. 37

Canceling Original Sheet No. 37

1st Revised Sheet No. 37.1

Canceling Original Sheet No. 37.1

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 16 U.S.C Chapter 12, § 824a-3, 18 C.F.R. Part 292, SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-12, and 49-34A-93, and ARSD 20:10:13:02 through 20:10:13:28.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 30, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions as filed on August 23, 2016, with an effective date of September 1, 2016. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revisions, effective September 1, 2016. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU's request to revise its aforementioned tariffs is hereby granted and the revisions are approved, effective for services rendered on and after September 1, 2016.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of September, 2016.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.

By: Karen E. Cremer

Date: 9/7/16

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner