



MONTANA-DAKOTA

UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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April 12, 2005

Ms. Pam Bonrud
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities
Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re: Fuel Clause Rate 58
Docket No. EL05-007

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith submits Volume 3 – 5th Revised Sheet No. 27 from Montana-Dakota's electric tariff reflecting an effective date of April 1, 2005 pursuant to the Commission's Order in the above referenced docket dated April 7, 2005 approving the revised tariff sheet.

The original and ten (10) copies of this letter and tariff have been provided to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

Please acknowledge receipt by stamping or initialing the duplicate copy of this letter attached hereto and returning the same in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely,

Tamie A. Aberle
Pricing & Tariff Manager

Attachment

FUEL CLAUSE Rate 58

There shall be added to or deducted from the net monthly bill computed according to the applicable schedule .0009¢ (nine ten-thousandths of one cent) per kilowatt-hour for each .001¢ increase above or decrease below the base fuel cost per kilowatt-hour. The base fuel cost shall be 1.4704¢ per Kwh.

The fuel cost shall be the sum of the following for the most recent three month period as herein defined.

1. The cost of fossil and other fuels, including but not limited to tire derived fuel (TDF) and refuse derived fuel (RDF) consumed in the Company's own generating stations and the Company's share of fuel consumed in jointly owned generating stations as recorded in Account 151.
2. The net energy cost of energy purchases as recorded in Account 555 exclusive of capacity or demand charges including but not limited to:
 - a. Energy that is purchased on an economic dispatch basis;
 - b. Energy purchased from a renewable energy source, including but not limited to hydropower, wood, windpower, and biomass;
 - c. Energy related costs associated with the Midwest ISO Energy Market.
3. The actual indentifiable fossil and other fuel costs associated with energy purchased for reasons other than identified in (2) above, less;
4. The cost of fossil and other fuel recovered through intersystem sales, including the fuel costs and/or renewable energy costs related to economy energy sales and other energy sold on an economic dispatch basis.

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The kilowatt-hour sales shall be all kilowatt hours sold excluding intersystem sales for the most recent three month period as herein defined.

This adjustment shall be made monthly and shall be based on the average fuel cost per kilowatt-hour for the most recent three month period for which actual cost data is available. The Company shall file with the Commission prior to making an adjustment, a monthly statement, under oath, setting forth the fuel cost per kilowatt-hour for the most recent three month period, as set forth above. Any adjustment in rates occasioned thereby shall be effective with the bills rendered on and after the first day of each month, unless the Commission shall otherwise order.