



400 North Fourth Street
Bismarck, ND 58501
(701) 222-7900

June 10, 2004

RECEIVED

JUN 11 2004

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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

Re: Revised Rate 72 and Rate 87
Tariff Sheets
Docket No. NG02-011

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith submits Section 3 – 1st Revised Sheet No. 13 and 1st Revised Sheet No. 28 from Montana-Dakota's natural gas tariff for Commission approval. The referenced tariff sheets have been revised in order to correct errors on each tariff sheet inadvertently made during the processing of the revised gas tariffs proposed and authorized in Docket No. NG02-011.

Optional Seasonal Gas Service Rate 72 (Original Sheet No. 13) currently defines the winter season as October 1 through March 31 and the summer season is defined as April 1 through September 30. The winter season should be defined as October 1 through May 31 and the summer season defined as June 1 through September 30. This definition of seasons is as originally authorized and a change was not intended to be made in Docket No. NG02-011.

Sheet No. 28 entitled Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism Rate 87 (DDSM) is a new tariff sheet authorized in NG02-011. An error in the presentation of the formula defining the DDSM has been discovered. The degree day factor applied to the temperature sensitive use per customer is derived by dividing the difference between the normal degree days and the actual degree days by actual degree days (not normal degree days).

The above noted corrections did not adversely affect any customer billing as no customers have been billed under either tariff to date.

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,



Donald R. Ball
Assistant Vice President-
Regulatory Affairs

Attachment



Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
400 N 4th Street
Bismarck, ND 58501

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

Section No. 3
1st Revised Sheet No. 13
Canceling Original Sheet No. 13

OPTIONAL SEASONAL GENERAL GAS SERVICE Rate 72

Page 1 of 2

Availability:

In all communities served, except for those communities set forth on Rate 66, for customers otherwise qualifying for service under Firm General Gas Service Rate 70. See Rate 100, §V.3, for definition of class of service.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:

For customers with meters rated under 500 cubic feet per hour \$0.33 per day

For customers with meters rated over 500 cubic feet per hour \$0.66 per day

Distribution Delivery Charge: \$1.078 per dk

Cost of Gas:

Winter – Bills rendered October 1 through May 31 Determined Monthly – See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate

Summer – Bills rendered June 1 through September 30 Determined Monthly – See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Gas:

The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Rate 88 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

Date Filed: June 11, 2004

Effective Date:

Issued By: Donald R. Ball
Asst. Vice President-Regulatory Affairs

Docket No.:



Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
 400 N 4th Street
 Bismarck, ND 58501

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

Section No. 3
 1st Revised Sheet No. 28
 Canceling Original Sheet No. 28

DISTRIBUTION DELIVERY STABILIZATION MECHANISM – Rate 87

Page 1 of 2

APPLICABILITY:

This rate schedule represents a Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism (DDSM) and specifies the procedure to be utilized to correct for the over/under collection of distribution delivery charge revenues due to weather fluctuations during the period from October 1 through April 30. Service provided under the Company's Residential Rate 60 and Firm General Service Rate 70 shall be subject to decreases or increases under the DDSM.

DISTRIBUTION DELIVERY STABILIZATION MECHANISM:

A DDSM will be determined for each customer taking service under Residential Service Rate 60 and Firm General Service Rate 70 beginning with the first billing cycle starting November 1 through the billing cycle ending May 1. The DDSM adjustment will be applied as a surcharge or credit on all rate schedules to which the DDSM is applicable.

DDSM ADJUSTMENT CALCULATION:

The DDSM Adjustment shall be determined for each customer taking service under Residential Rate 60 or Firm General Service Rate 70. In order to calculate the respective DDSM adjustment, the ratio of the normal HDDs as compared to the actual HDDs will be determined and multiplied by the temperature sensitive consumption per customer per HDD, as determined in the most recent general rate case. The resulting product shall be multiplied by the applicable Distribution Delivery Charge rate per dk.

$$DDSM_i = R_i (DDF_i ((NDD-ADD)/ADD))$$

Where:

- DDSM_i = Distribution Delivery Stabilization Adjustment
- i = Customer served under Rate Schedule 60 or 70
- R_i = Applicable Distribution Delivery Charge per dk
- DDF_i = Temperature sensitive use per customer
- NDD = Normal degree days for the applicable bill cycle
- ADD = Actual heating degree days for the applicable bill cycle

Date Filed: June 11, 2004

Effective Date:

Issued By: Donald R. Ball
 Asst. Vice President-Regulatory Affairs

Docket No.:

Tariffs Reflecting Proposed
Changes



Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
 400 N 4th Street
 Bismarck, ND 58501

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

Section No. 3
 Original Sheet No. 13
 Canceling Vol. 1 2nd Rev. Sheet No. 13

OPTIONAL SEASONAL GENERAL GAS SERVICE Rate 72

Page 1 of 3

Availability:

In all communities served, except for those communities set forth on Rate 66, for customers otherwise qualifying for service under Firm General Gas Service Rate 70. See Rate 100, §V.3, for definition of class of service.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:

For customers with meters rated under 500 cubic feet per hour \$0.33 per day

For customers with meters rated over 500 cubic feet per hour \$0.66 per day

Distribution Delivery Charge: \$1.078 per dk

Cost of Gas:

Winter – Bills rendered October 1 through ~~March 31~~ May 31 Determined Monthly – See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate

Summer – Bills rendered ~~April 1~~ June 1 through September 30 Determined Monthly – See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Gas:

Date Filed:

Effective Date:

Issued By: Donald R. Ball
 Asst. Vice President-Regulatory Affairs

Docket No.:



Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
 400 N 4th Street
 Bismarck, ND 58501

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

Section No. 3
 Original Sheet No. 28

DISTRIBUTION DELIVERY STABILIZATION MECHANISM – Rate 87

Page 1 of 2

APPLICABILITY:

This rate schedule represents a Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism (DDSM) and specifies the procedure to be utilized to correct for the over/under collection of distribution delivery charge revenues due to weather fluctuations during the period from October 1 through April 30. Service provided under the Company’s Residential Rate 60 and Firm General Service Rate 70 shall be subject to decreases or increases under the DDSM.

DISTRIBUTION DELIVERY STABILIZATION MECHANISM:

A DDSM will be determined for each customer taking service under Residential Service Rate 60 and Firm General Service Rate 70 beginning with the first billing cycle starting November 1 through the billing cycle ending May 1. The DDSM adjustment will be applied as a surcharge or credit on all rate schedules to which the DDSM is applicable.

DDSM ADJUSTMENT CALCULATION:

The DDSM Adjustment shall be determined for each customer taking service under Residential Rate 60 or Firm General Service Rate 70. In order to calculate the respective DDSM adjustment, the ratio of the normal HDDs as compared to the actual HDDs will be determined and multiplied by the temperature sensitive consumption per customer per HDD, as determined in the most recent general rate case. The resulting product shall be multiplied by the applicable Distribution Delivery Charge rate per dk.

$$DDSM_i = R_i (DDF_i ((NDD-ADD)/NDD))$$

Where:

- DDSM_i = Distribution Delivery Stabilization Adjustment
- i = Customer served under Rate Schedule 60 or 70
- R_i = Applicable Distribution Delivery Charge per dk
- DDF_i = Temperature sensitive use per customer
- NDD = Normal degree days for the applicable bill cycle
- ADD = Actual heating degree days for the applicable bill cycle

Date Filed:

Effective Date:

Issued By: Donald R. Ball
 Asst. Vice President-Regulatory Affairs

Docket No.:

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
WEEKLY FILINGS
For the Period of June 10, 2004 through June 16, 2004

If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact Delaine Kolbo within five business days of this report. Phone: 605-773-3201

NATURAL GAS

**NG04-005 In the Matter of the Filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Approval of
Tariff Revisions.**

Application by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for approval of tariff revisions correcting inadvertent errors on tariff sheets submitted in Docket NG02-011. The two tariff sheets proposed to be revised relate to Optional Seasonal Gas Service Rate 72 and the Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism Rate 87.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 06/11/04
Intervention Deadline: 07/02/04

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**TC04-102 In the Matter of the Application of Acceris Communications Corp. for a
Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.**

On June 11, 2004, Acceris Communications Corp. (Acceris) filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide competitive local exchange services in South Dakota. Acceris intends to provide services through facilities of incumbent local exchange carriers, as well as unbundled network elements. Acceris seeks authority to resell and provide facilities-based/UNE-P local exchange services throughout the State of South Dakota in the areas served by any LECs in South Dakota that are not eligible for a small or rural carrier exemption pursuant to Section 251 (f)(1) of the Federal Act.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 06/11/04
Intervention Deadline: 07/02/04

**TC04-103 In the Matter of the Application of DakotaComm, LLC for a Certificate of
Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services and Local
Exchange Services in South Dakota.**

On June 16, 2004, DakotaComm, LLC (DakotaComm) filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide telecommunication services in South Dakota. DakotaComm intends to provide local exchange services, intraLATA services and interLATA services through a combination of reseller and facilities-based provisioning. Initially, telecommunication services will be offered to residents and businesses located in the Qwest exchange of Vermillion, South Dakota.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Filed: 06/16/04
Intervention Deadline: 07/02/04

**You may receive this listing and other PUC publications via our website or via internet e-mail.
You may subscribe or unsubscribe to the PUC mailing lists at <http://www.state.sd.us/puc>**

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. FOR) REVISIONS
APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS) NG04-005**

On June 11, 2004, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU), filed for approval with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) proposed tariff revisions correcting inadvertent errors on tariff sheets submitted in Docket NG02-011. The two tariff sheets proposed to be revised relate to Optional Seasonal Gas Service Rate 72 and the Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism Rate 87. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

Section 3, 1st Revised Sheet No. 13, cancelling Original Sheet No. 13


Section 3, 1st Revised Sheet No. 28, cancelling Original Sheet No. 28

At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 20, 2004, the Commission considered approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A. Further, the revisions are just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU's revised tariff sheets as described above are approved and shall be effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of July, 2004.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Neilino Kallas</i></u>
Date: <u>7/28/04</u>
 (OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner



MONTANA-DAKOTA

UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

400 North Fourth Street
Bismarck, ND 58501
(701) 222-7900

July 30, 2004

RECEIVED

AUG 02 2004

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

Re: Tariff Revisions
Docket No. NG04-005

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith submits Section 3 – 1st Revised Sheet No. 13 and 1st Revised Sheet No. 28 from Montana-Dakota's natural gas tariff reflecting an effective date of July 27, 2004 pursuant to the Commission's Order in the above referenced docket dated July 27, 2004 approving the revised tariff sheets.

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



Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
 A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
 400 N 4th Street
 Bismarck, ND 58501

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

Section No. 3
 1st Revised Sheet No. 13
 Canceling Original Sheet No. 13

OPTIONAL SEASONAL GENERAL GAS SERVICE Rate 72

Page 1 of 2

Availability:

In all communities served, except for those communities set forth on Rate 66, for customers otherwise qualifying for service under Firm General Gas Service Rate 70. See Rate 100, §V.3, for definition of class of service.

Rate:

Basic Service Charge:	
For customers with meters rated under 500 cubic feet per hour	\$0.33 per day
For customers with meters rated over 500 cubic feet per hour	\$0.66 per day
Distribution Delivery Charge:	\$1.078 per dk
Cost of Gas:	
Winter – Bills rendered October 1 through May 31	Determined Monthly – See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate
Summer – Bills rendered June 1 through September 30	Determined Monthly – See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate

Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.11, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

Cost of Gas:

The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Rate 88 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

Date Filed:	June 11, 2004	Effective Date:	Service rendered on and after July 27, 2004
Issued By:	Donald R. Ball Asst. Vice President-Regulatory Affairs		
Docket No.:	NG04-005		



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

Section No. 3
 1st Revised Sheet No. 28
 Canceling Original Sheet No. 28

DISTRIBUTION DELIVERY STABILIZATION MECHANISM – Rate 87

Page 1 of 2

APPLICABILITY:

This rate schedule represents a Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism (DDSM) and specifies the procedure to be utilized to correct for the over/under collection of distribution delivery charge revenues due to weather fluctuations during the period from October 1 through April 30. Service provided under the Company's Residential Rate 60 and Firm General Service Rate 70 shall be subject to decreases or increases under the DDSM.

DISTRIBUTION DELIVERY STABILIZATION MECHANISM:

A DDSM will be determined for each customer taking service under Residential Service Rate 60 and Firm General Service Rate 70 beginning with the first billing cycle starting November 1 through the billing cycle ending May 1. The DDSM adjustment will be applied as a surcharge or credit on all rate schedules to which the DDSM is applicable.

DDSM ADJUSTMENT CALCULATION:

The DDSM Adjustment shall be determined for each customer taking service under Residential Rate 60 or Firm General Service Rate 70. In order to calculate the respective DDSM adjustment, the ratio of the normal HDDs as compared to the actual HDDs will be determined and multiplied by the temperature sensitive consumption per customer per HDD, as determined in the most recent general rate case. The resulting product shall be multiplied by the applicable Distribution Delivery Charge rate per dk.

$$DDSM_i = R_i (DDF_i ((NDD-ADD)/ADD))$$

Where:

- DDSM_i = Distribution Delivery Stabilization Adjustment
- i = Customer served under Rate Schedule 60 or 70
- R_i = Applicable Distribution Delivery Charge per dk
- DDF_i = Temperature sensitive use per customer
- NDD = Normal degree days for the applicable bill cycle
- ADD = Actual heating degree days for the applicable bill cycle