



UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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January 10, 2017

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Meter Data and Privacy Policy
Rate 140
NG17-___

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group Inc. (Montana-Dakota), herewith requests approval of a Meter Data and Privacy Policy Tariff designated as Rate 140 for its Natural Gas utility.

The proposed Rate Schedule 140 provides Montana-Dakota's customers with a reference of Montana-Dakota's policy and practices regarding protection of customer data and assures customers that Montana-Dakota understands the importance of protecting meter data and the privacy of all information provided by its customers. Montana Dakota collects information about customers to provide utility service; to provide other services for safety reasons; to detect and prevent unauthorized use of utility services; to prevent fraud; and to meet legal and regulatory requirements through normal business practices. Attached as Exhibit A are the following proposed clean and redlined tariff sheets for which Montana-Dakota requests approval:

- Natural Gas Volume No. 2 - Section No. 1, 8th Revised Sheet No. 1 is the updated Table of Contents to reflect the requested tariff additions in this filing and
- Natural Gas Volume No. 2 – Section No. 5, Original Sheet Nos.35-35.2, Meter Data and Privacy Policy, Rate 140.

In accordance with the Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD), 20:10:13:39 (6), it is noted that the proposed tariff may potentially affect 59,174 South Dakota gas customers. Exhibit B is the South Dakota "Report of Tariff Schedule Change " form required pursuant to ARSD 20:10:13:26.

The Company will comply with ARSD 20:10:13:18 by posting a Notice of the proposed change in tariff, as shown on Exhibit C, in each of its business offices affected by the proposed change.

Please refer all inquiries regarding this filing to:

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All of the materials included in this Application will be available for public inspection at each of Montana-Dakota's business offices.

Montana-Dakota respectfully request that this filing be accepted as being in full compliance with the filing requirements of this Commission.

Sincerely,



Tamie A. Aberle
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

cc: B. Koenecke