



UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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

Re: Tariff Revision Pursuant to 49 CFR Part  
192.383 on Excess Flow Valves  
Docket No. NG17-\_\_\_\_

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group Inc. (Montana-Dakota), herewith electronically submits for Commission approval the proposed revisions to its natural gas tariff to comply with Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations 49 CFR Part 192.383 regarding the installation of excess flow valves (EFV) on existing service lines.

Montana-Dakota requests approval of the following rate schedules provided in Exhibit 1.

- Exhibit 1- Proposed Tariff Sheets (Section 5)
  - General Provisions Rate 100 Table of Contents  
4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.1
  - General Provisions Rate 100 § II. Definitions  
3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.3
  - General Provisions Rate 100 § V. General Terms and Conditions  
4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet Nos. 1.13-1.16, 1.19  
3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet Nos. 1.17-1.18

Also attached hereto are the following exhibits:

- Exhibit 2- Bill Insert
- Exhibit 3 - Report of Tariff Schedule Change pursuant to ARSD 20:10:13:26.
- Exhibit 4 - Customer Notice pursuant to ARSD 20:10:13:18.

Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations 49 CFR 192.383 requires natural gas companies to notify customers about the availability of EFV for installation on an existing service line to their home or office. In accordance with the requirement, the Company proposes to revise its tariffs in order to offer customers the option to install an excess flow valve on an existing service line at the customer's request. The customer will be assessed the actual cost of the installation. It is estimated that the cost of a typical installation is

approximately \$650, however estimates for cost and time frame for construction will be provided as requested on a case by case basis.

Montana-Dakota has provided the required notice to customers via a bill insert, included as Exhibit 2 and the same information is also available on the Company's website. Montana-Dakota currently installs EFV on all new and replacement service lines in accordance with Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations and this proposed change is applicable only to those customers on existing service lines.

Montana-Dakota currently has approximately 53,750 service lines that would be affected by this proposed change.

Please refer all inquiries regarding this filing to:


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This filing has been electronically submitted to the Commission in accordance with ARSD 20:10:01:02:05. Montana-Dakota respectfully requests 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