

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION BY)
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A)
SUBSIDIARY OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP)
INC., FOR EXTENSION OF TEST PERIOD)
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**ORDER APPROVING
EXTENSION OF FILING
DEADLINE FOLLOWING TEST
PERIOD**

NG23-012

On May 19, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition for Extension of Test Period from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Subsidiary of MDU Resources Group Inc. (MDU), requesting an extension of time beyond its proposed test period to file an application for an increase in its natural gas rates. MDU requests to be allowed to file a general rate increase application in August 2023, based on a 2022 calendar year test period. ARSD 20:10:13:44 requires the use of a test period consisting of 12 months of actual experience ending no earlier than six months before the date of filing unless good cause for extension is shown.

On May 25, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 5, 2023, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On May 31, 2023, MDU filed its response to Staff's data request, explaining the circumstances that led to MDU being unable to file the application within six months following the end of the 2022 calendar year test period.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A and ARSD 20:10:13:44.

At its June 6, 2023, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of MDU's request for extension of time. Finding good cause was shown by MDU for an extension of time for filing a rate case following the end of its proposed calendar year 2022 test period, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the requested extension. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU's request for extension of time for filing a general rate increase application following its calendar year 2022 test period is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of June 2023.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Adam J. Hueck</u></p> <p>Date: <u>6/8/23</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner