

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Application of)
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. for) Docket No. NG23-__
Authority to Increase Rates for Natural)
Gas Service in South Dakota)

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APPLICATION AND NOTICE

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., (hereinafter referred to as “Montana-Dakota”, “Applicant”, or “Company”) submits this application to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for authority to increase rates for natural gas service in South Dakota. The Applicant in the above-entitled proceeding respectfully submits the following Application and Notice, tariffs, and information in support thereof.

In support of its Application, Montana-Dakota respectfully states the following:

I.

Montana-Dakota is a Delaware corporation duly authorized to do business in the State of South Dakota as a foreign corporation, and that it is doing business in the State of South Dakota as a public utility.

II.

The Company’s Certificate of Incorporation and Amendments thereto have previously been filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“PUC” or “Commission”). Such Certificate and Amendments are hereby incorporated by reference.

III.

That Applicant's full name and post office address are:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
400 North Fourth Street
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501

IV.

That the following described rate schedules presently on file with and approved by the Commission are attached hereto as Appendix A.

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1 st Revised Sheet Nos. 5-5.1	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet No. 6	Reserved for Future Use
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Original Sheet Nos. 6-10	Reserved for Future Use
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1 st Revised Sheet No. 17	Reserved for Future Use
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3 rd Revised Sheet Nos. 28-28.1	Distribution Delivery Stabilization Mechanism Rate 87
5 th Revised Sheet No. 29	Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Rate 88
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2 nd Revised Sheet No. 19	Interruptible Gas Service Extension Policy Rate 119
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Original Sheet No. 21	Reserved for Future Use
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2 nd Revised Sheet No. 11	Continuous Service Agreement
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2 nd Revised Sheet No. 12	Reserved for Future Use
3 rd Revised Sheet No. 13	Guarantee of Payment for Natural Gas and/or Electric Service By a Second Party in Lieu of a Deposit
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2 nd Revised Sheet No. 15	Consent to Disclose Utility Energy Usage Information
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3 rd Revised Sheet No. 16	Final Notice Prior to Disconnect
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2 nd Revised Sheet No. 18	Reserved for Future Use

1 st Revised Sheet Nos. 19-19.4	Gas Transportation Agreement
1 st Revised Sheet Nos. 19.5-19.7	Reserved for Future Use
1 st Revised Sheet Nos. 20-20.1	Customers Agreement for Gas Extension
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2 nd Revised Sheet No. 21.1	Reserved for Future Use
2 nd Revised Sheet No. 22	Reserved for Future Use
1 st Revised Sheet No. 23	Warning Notice
2 nd Revised Sheet No. 24	Reserved for Future Use
2 nd Revised Sheet Nos. 25-25.4	Reserved for Future Use

V.

Montana-Dakota respectfully hereby files the following described proposed rate schedules for natural gas service, copies attached hereto as Appendix B, which substitute for the rate schedules as noted below. The following described proposed rate schedules are proposed to be effective on a final basis in this docket.

SDPUC Volume No. 3	Description
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Original Sheet Nos. 1-1.1	Table of Contents
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Original Sheet Nos. 1-1.1	Preliminary Statement
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<i>To be submitted on final disposition of the rate application</i>	Rate Summary Sheet
Original Sheet Nos. 2-2.1	Residential Gas Service Rate 60
Original Sheet Nos. 3-10	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet Nos. 11-11.1	Firm General Gas Service Rate 70
Original Sheet Nos. 12-12.2	Small Interruptible General Gas Service Rate 71
Original Sheet Nos. 13-13.1	Optional Seasonal General Gas Service Rate 72
Original Sheet No. 14	Reserved for Future Use
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Original Sheet Nos. 16-16.1	North Deadwood Expansion Area Surcharge Rate 75
Original Sheet Nos. 17-21	Reserved for Future Use
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Original Sheet Nos. 26-26.2	Large Interruptible General Gas Service Rate 85
Original Sheet No. 27	Reserved for Future Use
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Original Sheet Nos. 29-29.5	Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Rate 88
Original Sheet No. 30	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet No. 31	Conservation Program Tracking Mechanism Rate 90
Section 4	
Original Sheet No. 1	List of Gas Contracts with Deviations
Section 5	
Original Sheet Nos. 1-1.21	General Provisions Rate 100
Original Sheet Nos. 2-12	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet Nos. 13-13.1	Summary Billing Plan Rate 115
Original Sheet Nos. 14-18	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet Nos. 19-19.1	Interruptible Gas Service Extension Policy Rate 119
Original Sheet Nos. 20-20.5	Firm Gas Service Extension Policy Rate 120
Original Sheet Nos. 21-23	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet No. 24	New Installation, Replacement, Relocation and Repair of Gas Service Lines Rate 124
	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet Nos. 25-33	Rules and Policies for Implementing Master Metering Restrictions Rate 134
Original Sheet Nos. 34-34.3	
	Meter Data and Privacy Policy Rate 140
Original Sheet Nos. 35-35.2	
Section 6	
Original Sheet No. 1	Past Due Reminder Letter
Original Sheet No. 2	First Reminder Notice (Closed Account)
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Original Sheet No. 4	Disconnection Notice
Original Sheet No. 5	Final Notice - Winter Letter
Original Sheet Nos. 6-6.1	Standard Customer Bill
Original Sheet No. 7	Customer Reference Guide
Original Sheet No. 8	Additional Information To Customers
Original Sheet No. 9	Third Party Notice
Original Sheet No. 10	Final Notice Prior to Disconnect Door Tag
Original Sheet No. 11	Service Disconnected Door Tag
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Original Sheet Nos. 15-15.1	Authorization Form for Aggregated/Anonymized Energy Consumption Data
Original Sheet Nos. 16-16.1	Interruptible General Gas Service Agreement
	Request for Gas Service Line
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North deadwood Expansion Rate 75

Original Sheet No. 23

Notice of Hazardous Conditions - Gas

Original Sheet Nos. 24-25

Reserved for Future Use

VI.

That the existing rates of Montana-Dakota are unjust, unreasonable and not compensatory. The new rates will allow Montana-Dakota an opportunity to fully recover its costs of providing natural gas service and to earn a just and reasonable rate of return on its natural gas property devoted to providing service to its South Dakota natural gas customers.

VII.

The new rates contained herein will provide additional revenues in the annual amount of \$7,420,480 based on a 2022 test year, adjusted for known and measurable changes, for natural gas service rendered to customers in South Dakota. This request amounts to a 11.2 percent increase over current natural gas rates.

VIII.

Filed concurrently with this Application and Notice and its Appendices are supporting Statements and Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Montana-Dakota's witnesses showing the existing rates are unjust, unreasonable, and not compensatory, and that the new rates are just, reasonable, and compensatory.

IX.

This Application and Notice is submitted in accordance with the provisions

of South Dakota Codified Laws, Chapter 49-34A and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota and the filing guidelines of the Public Utilities Commission.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota:

1. Approve and adopt the proposed rate changes as set forth in Appendix B of this Application to be effective upon final disposition of this docket;
2. Expedite any hearing which the Commission deems necessary to determine the propriety of Applicant's proposed rate schedules set forth herein, and issue its final order establishing the rates set forth herein; and
3. Grant such other and additional relief as the Commission shall deem just and proper.

Dated August 15, 2023.

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.



Garret Senger
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Affairs, Customer Service & Administration
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
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Garret Senger, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Executive Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Customer Service & Administration of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. that he has read the foregoing Application and Notice, knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

Dated August 15, 2023.



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