



NOTICE OF FILING

Request to Change Natural Gas Rates

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota, Company) filed a natural gas rate increase request with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (South Dakota PUC) on August 15, 2023. If approved, the request represents an overall increase of \$7.4 million or 11.2 percent *← opposed!*

Montana-Dakota's last natural gas rate increase in South Dakota was in 2016 and resulted in an approximate 2.5 percent increase to customers. The Company has made significant investments in its natural gas infrastructure to ensure safe and reliable service to customers, as well as investments in technology to provide better service since that time causing the need for an increase in rates.

If approved, the average monthly increase for a residential customer using approximately 5.5 dekatherms per month will be approximately \$8.70, which is an annual increase of about 15.9 percent.

You can view the actual rate case filing via the internet on Montana-Dakota's website and/or the South Dakota PUC website: www.montana-dakota.com or www.puc.sd.gov.

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To whom it may concern -
 My name is Barbara Rolfe
 & I am a resident of Rapid
 City. I'm writing this
 letter in regard to NG
 23-014 re: a 11.2 rate
 increase the Montana
 Dakota Co. is asking for
 I'm 85 yrs old, a widow
 & live on my S.D. & a small
 pension. A 3% increase
 in the gas rate would be
 more in line for all the
 residents in S.D.
 Thank you.

Barb Rolfe


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