

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. FOR) REVISIONS
APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS) EL05-007

On March 10, 2005, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU), filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) proposed tariff revisions. The Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (MISO) is implementing the MISO Day 2 Market on April 1, 2005. Implementation of the Day 2 Market will change the way the utility generates and purchases energy for delivery to serve retail customers in South Dakota. The MISO transactions will take the place of prior transactions relating to energy procurement. The proposed tariff revisions would allow the new MISO transactions to flow through the fuel clause as did prior non-MISO energy procurement transactions. The tariff revisions are requested to be approved with less than 30 days notice in order to be effective upon the April 1, 2005, start date of the MISO Day 2 Market. The proposed tariff is:

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At its regularly scheduled meeting of March 29, 2005, the Commission considered approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A. Further, the revisions are just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU's revised tariff as described above is approved and shall be effective for service rendered on and after April 1, 2005.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of April, 2005.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Delaine Kolbo</i></u>
Date: <u>4/8/05</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

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