

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) | ORDER APPROVING |
| MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. FOR) | TARIFF REVISIONS |
| APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS) | EL06-017 |

On June 5, 2006, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU), filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) proposed revisions to its Occasional Power Purchase Non-Time Differentiated Rate 95, Short-Term Power Purchase Time Differentiated Rate 96 and Long-Term Power Purchase Time Differentiated Rate 97. The filing was made in compliance with the Commission's Order in F-3365 and in accordance with the Special Terms and Conditions of these tariffs which state that the rate schedules will be reviewed annually and revised when necessary.

- Section 1, 11th Revised Sheet No. 1, cancelling 10th Revised Sheet No. 1
- Section 3, 21st Revised Sheet No. 28, cancelling 20th Revised Sheet No. 28
- Section 3, 21st Revised Sheet No. 29, cancelling 20th Revised Sheet No. 29
- Section 3, 14th Revised Sheet No. 29.1, cancelling 13th Revised Sheet No. 29.1
- Section 3, 21st Revised Sheet No. 30, cancelling 20th Revised Sheet No. 30
- Section 3, 15th Revised Sheet No. 30.1, cancelling 14th Revised Sheet No. 30.1

At its regularly scheduled meeting of August 8, 2006, 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 tariffs as described above are approved and shall be effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of August, 2006.

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| 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>Delaine Kolbo</u> |
| Date: <u>8/25/06</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner