

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

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

**EL09-023**

On October 29, 2009, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. filed for approval of tariff revisions removing previously approved temporary definitions of time of day. The Federal change in the Daylight Savings Time schedule was originally a trial, and therefore temporary. For this reason, Montana-Dakota Utilities previously sought temporary tariff modifications in order to avoid an expensive meter programming effort that might have to be reversed if the Federal government did not adopt the change permanently. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 required a report from the Department of Energy on any further changes to DST by December 1, 2007. Montana-Dakota is not aware of such a report being filed or that a change is being considered at this time and therefore, has reprogrammed its time based metering equipment in South Dakota to be synchronized with the currently effective DST schedule where, in the Spring, clocks are set ahead one hour on the second Sunday of March and in the Fall, clocks are set back one hour on the first Sunday in November. The proposed tariffs are:

**Section 3**

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| 9th Revised Sheet No.3     | Optional Time-Of-Day Residential Electric Service            |
| 8th Revised Sheet No. 14   | Optional Time-Of-Day Small General Electric Service          |
| 7th Revised Sheet No. 14.1 | Optional Time-Of-Day Small General Electric Service          |
| 4th Revised Sheet No. 15   | Optional Time-Of-Day Large General Electric Service          |
| 4th Revised Sheet No. 15.1 | Optional Time-Of-Day Large General Electric Service          |
| 7th Revised Sheet No. 24.2 | Special Residential Electric Dual Fuel Space Heating Service |
| 7th Revised Sheet No. 25.2 | Special General Electric Dual Fuel Space Heating Service     |

At its Commission meeting of November 24, 2009, 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 Montana-Dakota Utilities' revised tariffs as described above are approved and effective as of the date of this order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2009.

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></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><i>Demario Althelm</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>12-3-09</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

*Dustin M. Johnson*  
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman <sup>DA</sup>

*Steve Kolbeck*  
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner