

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING</b>
<b>MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. FOR )</b>	<b>TARIFF REVISIONS</b>
<b>APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS )</b>	
)	<b>EL10-006</b>

On June 4, 2010, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for approval to revise 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 is 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. MDU is also requesting a revision to its Short Term Power Purchase Time Differentiated Rate 96 and Long Term Power Purchase Time Differentiated Rate 97 tariffs to remove the time of day provision with respect to the energy payment. The current tariff provides for an on-and off-peak energy payment with the on-peak hours defined as those hours between 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday in the months of June through September. All remaining hours are defined as off-peak hours. Given the narrowing of the differential between the on-peak and off-peak energy prices, MDU believes at this time a time differentiated provision for the energy payment is no longer warranted. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

Electric Rate Schedule Vol. 1

Section No. 1	
12 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1	Canceling 11 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1

Section No. 3	
24 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 28	Canceling 23 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 28
25 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 29	Canceling 24 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 29
15 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 29.1	Canceling 14 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 29.1

On June 10, 2010, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 25, 2010, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-12.

At its July 27, 2010, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval to revise MDU's 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 Commission finds the revisions are just and reasonable and approves the revisions. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU's request to revise 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 is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of August, 2010.

<p align="center"><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>[Signature]</u></p> <p>Date: <u>08/02/10</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

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STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner