

**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 THE ANNUAL UPDATE TO ITS )  
INFRASTRUCTURE RIDER RATE )  
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**ORDER APPROVING  
INFRASTRUCTURE RIDER  
RATE  
  
EL17-010**

On March 1, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for approval of the annual update to its Infrastructure Rider Rate, pursuant to the terms of the Company's Infrastructure Rider Rate 56 tariff. MDU is proposing to continue charging the existing tariff rate of \$0.00497 per kWh for the rate period covered by this filing. Under the Infrastructure Rider Rate 56 tariff, MDU shall update the Infrastructure Rider annually to be effective each May 1.

On March 2, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 17, 2017, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On April 25, 2017, MDU filed a letter in the docket regarding responses to data requests and updates to its original filing. On April 25, 2017 Staff filed a memorandum outlining its position on the matter.

The Commission 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, 49-34A-73 through 49-34A-78.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 27, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended the Commission approve MDU's request to continue charging the existing tariff rate of \$0.00497 per kWh. Finding the request to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve MDU's request. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU may continue charging the existing tariff rate of \$0.00497 per kWh for the rate period covered by this filing.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of April, 2017.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adam Detbeck</u>
Date: <u>4/28/17</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner