

**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 TRANSMISSION COST)
RECOVERY RIDER RATE)**

**ORDER ASSESSING
FILING FEE**

EL17-011

On March 2, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for approval of its annual update to its Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider. MDU's TCR rate has been adjusted to reflect the projected charges for 2017 assessed to MDU for transmission service provided by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) and Southwest Power Pool (SPP), along with projected revenues and/or credits received by MDU for transmission related services. MDU proposes a TCR rate of \$0.0045 per kWh effective May 2, 2017.

On March 9, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 24, 2017, to interested persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

SDCL 49-1A-8 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to fifty thousand dollars in the Commission's Regulatory Assessment Fee Fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 14, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee as requested by Commission staff up to the statutory limit of \$50,000 to account for actual expenses incurred in review of this filing commencing from the filing date. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$50,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of March, 2017.

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, electronically or by mail.
By: <u>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>3/16/2017</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner