

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	ORDER APPROVING
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. FOR)	TARIFF REVISIONS
APPROVAL OF ITS NATURAL GAS)	
CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND)	NG09-001
CONSERVATION TRACKING ADJUSTMENT)	

On March 2, 2009, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed for approval with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to remove the experimental qualifier associated with its Gas Conservation Program. The Company is proposing to continue the application of Rate 90 and expand its natural gas portfolio to include four additional gas conservation programs and remove the experimental nature of the current tariff through the implementation of a biennial review of the Company's portfolio of programs to be filed by June 1 of every other year. On April 1, 2009, MDU amended its filing to update the conservation tracking adjustment surcharge and to request that if Commission Staff requires more time to evaluate MDU's new plan, that the existing plan be extended. Commission Staff recommend the existing program be extended until September 30, 2009, to allow time for further review of MDU's proposed changes. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

Section No. 1:

4th Revised Sheet No. 1, canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 1

Section No. 3:

53rd Revised Sheet No. 1, canceling 52nd Revised Sheet No. 1
3rd Revised Sheet No. 31, canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 31

At its regularly scheduled meeting of April 21, 2009, the Commission considered approval of the amended application. Commission Staff recommended the existing plan be continued until September 30, 2009.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A. Further, MDU's existing Gas Conservation Program shall be continued until September 30, 2009. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU's revised tariffs as described above are approved effective as of May 1, 2009, and MDU's existing Gas Conservation Program shall be continued until September 30, 2009.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of May, 2009.

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.

By: *Neiline Kolbe*

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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