

**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 ITS REVISED CONSERVATION)
TRACKING ADJUSTMENT)
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**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
REVISIONS AND 2012 PORTFOLIO

NG11-006**

On October 4, 2011, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for approval of a revised Conservation Tracking Adjustment (CTA), pursuant to the terms of its Conservation Program Tracking Mechanism Rate 90 tariff to be effective January 1, 2012. MDU also requested approval of a proposed portfolio of Natural Gas Conservation Programs to be effective for the calendar years of 2012-2014 pursuant to its Conservation Program Tracking Mechanism Rate 90 tariff. On October 6, 2011, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 21, 2011, to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to intervene had until October 21, 2011, to do so. No petitions to intervene were filed. On February 24, 2012, MDU filed its Revised Exhibits 1-5; Revised Exhibit 1, Attachment B; and Revised Exhibit A, Attachment C.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule
SDPUC Volume No. 2

Section No. 3

80th Revised Sheet No. 1
7th Revised Sheet No. 31

Canceling 79th Revised Sheet No. 1
Canceling 6th Revised Sheet No. 31

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 13, 2012, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the tariff revision to update MDU's CTA, pursuant to the terms of the Company's Conservation Program Tracking Mechanism Rate 90 tariff and to approve the proposed portfolio of Natural Gas Conservation Programs to be effective for the calendar years of 2012-2014 pursuant to its Conservation Program Tracking Mechanism Rate 90 tariff. After questions and discussion, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revision and the proposed portfolio with one exception, removal of the furnace tune-up program.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A. The Commission finds the revision is just and reasonable and approved the revision effective April 1, 2012, and approved MDU's 2012 portfolio, modified to remove the furnace tune-up program, effective April 1, 2012. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU's revised tariff as described above is approved for services

rendered on and after April 1, 2012. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that MDU's 2012 portfolio is approved for services rendered on and after April 1, 2012.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of March, 2012.

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</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>Joy King</u></p> <p>Date: <u>3-20-12</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner