

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING EAST</b>
<b>MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. FOR )</b>	<b>RIVER TRANSPORTATION</b>
<b>APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR )</b>	<b>RATE 86 AND ASSOCIATED</b>
<b>AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT AN )</b>	<b>TARIFF REVISIONS</b>
<b>INTERRUPTIBLE NATURAL GAS )</b>	
<b>TRANSPORTATION SERVICE RATE 86 AND )</b>	<b>NG12-006</b>
<b>ASSOCIATED TARIFF REVISIONS )</b>	

On October 18, 2012, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed an Application with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of tariff provision to implement an Interruptible Natural Gas Transportation Service Rate 86 to be made available to customers in its East River Natural Gas System. On November 19, 2012, and December 7, 2012, MDU responded to staff's data requests, which were filed by Staff on November 20 and December 12, 2012.

On October 25, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 9, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A.

The revised tariff sheets to MDU's Gas Rate Schedule are as follows:

SDPUC Volume No. 2

Section No. 1

5th Revised Sheet No. 1, Cancelling 4th Revised Sheet No. 1

3rd Revised Sheet No. 1.1, Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 1.1

Section No. 3

Original Sheet No. 27

Original Sheet No. 27.1

Original Sheet No. 27.2

Original Sheet No. 27.3

Original Sheet No. 27.4

Original Sheet No. 27.5

Original Sheet No. 27.6

Original Sheet No. 27.7

Section No. 6

Original Sheet No. 25

Original Sheet No. 25.1

Original Sheet No. 25.2

Original Sheet No. 25.3

Original Sheet No. 25.4

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 18, 2012 the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions. Finding the tariff

revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revisions. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU's proposed new East River Natural Gas System Transportation Service Rate 86 and associated tariff revisions are hereby approved effective December 18, 2012.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

<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.	
By:	<u>Joy King</u>
Date:	<u>12.26.12</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner