

**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 MODIFICATIONS ) TO ITS CONSERVATION PORTFOLIO ) PLAN FOR 2016 AND 2017 )	) ) ) ) ) )	ORDER APPROVING MODIFIED 2016- 2017 NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION PORTFOLIO  NG15-007
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On December 7, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) that requested approval of modifications to the company's Natural Gas Conservation Portfolio Plan for 2016 and 2017. Specifically, MDU requested approval to include an Energy Audit Program in its Natural Gas Conservation Portfolio for 2016 and 2017, beginning on January 1, 2016.

On December 10 and 17, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 21, 2015, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 22, 2015, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the addition of the Energy Audit Program to MDU's 2016-2017 Natural Gas Conservation Portfolio Plan. Finding that the addition of the Energy Audit Program to MDU's 2016-2017 Natural Gas Conservation Portfolio Plan is just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve MDU's modified 2016-17 Natural Gas Conservation Portfolio Plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU's modified 2016-2017 Natural Gas Conservation Portfolio Plan is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of December, 2015.

<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>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>12/23/2015</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner