

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
SOUTH DAKOTA INTRASTATE PIPELINE )  
COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE )  
ITS NATURAL GAS RATES )  
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**ORDER GRANTING  
INTERVENTION; ORDER  
ASSESSING FILING FEE**

**NG17-009**

On June 1, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Company (SDIP) requesting authority to increase its natural gas rates. The filing did not include a proposed rate or any of the supporting documents required by statute and rule. The filing indicated that SDIP would file the applicable required documents no later than June 30, 2017, and requested an effective date of September 1, 2018, for the proposed rate. On June 5, 2017, Commission staff (Staff) filed a letter in the docket indicating that the filing did not meet the requirements for a rate case and was therefore incomplete and subject to rejection. Additionally, Staff indicated that because the filing was incomplete, the filing did not comply with the terms of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in NG16-006 and requested guidance from the Commission on how to proceed.

On June 8, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 31, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On June 13, 2017, the Commission issued an Order to Clarify Docket Procedure. On June 22, 2017, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed a Petition to Intervene. On June 29, 2017, SDIP filed its application for authority to increase its natural gas transportation rate and accompanying documents (Application).

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1A, and 49-34A, specifically, 49-1A-8, and ARSD 20:10:13 and 20:10:01:15.02 through 20:10:01:15.05.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 5, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. No party objected to Staff's recommendation to grant MDU's Petition to Intervene or to assess SDIP a filing fee up to the statutory limit of \$250,000 for expenses related to the general rate case, including those expenses incurred in Docket No. NG16-006. Finding that the Petition to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention, the Commission voted unanimously to grant intervention to MDU and to assess SDIP a filing fee up to the statutory limit of \$250,000 for expenses related to the general rate case, including those expenses incurred in Docket No. NG16-006.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene of MDU is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that SDIP shall be assessed a filing fee in an amount up to the statutory limit of \$250,000 for expenses related to the general rate case, including those costs incurred in Docket No. NG16-006, with payments made to the Commission's Regulatory Assessment Fee fund as periodically billed by the Commission for actual expenses incurred.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of July, 2017.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></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>Adam Lettneck</u></p> <p>Date: <u>7/6/17</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Eegen  
KRISTIE EEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner