

**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  
LATE FILED INTERVENTION;  
AMENDING PROCEDURAL  
SCHEDULE  
  
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 and on July 6, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Granting Intervention; Order Assessing Filing Fee. On June 29, 2017, SDIP filed a confidential application for authority to increase its natural gas rates (Application). On July 11, 2017, MDU filed a Motion for Commission Review requesting the Commission strike SDIP's claim of confidentiality made in its Application and open the docket submissions to MDU and the public for review. On July 28, 2017, SDIP filed a redacted public version of its Application. On August 8, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Granting Motion for Commission Review and Making Application Public (Commissioner Hanson, dissenting). On August 3, 2017, SDIP filed documents to comply with the Order Granting Motion for Commission Review and Making Application Public. On October 16, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Establishing Partial Procedural Schedule; Order Requiring Discovery Responses Within Ten Business Days. On October 30, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Establishing Procedural Schedule. On February 15, 2018, Ring-neck Energy & Feed, LLC dba Ring-neck Energy, LLC (Ring-neck) filed a Petition to Intervene. On February 21, 2018, Staff and SDIP each filed a Response to Ring-neck's Petition to Intervene.

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

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 22, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. Finding that the late filed Petition to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and that it would not unduly prejudice the rights of the other parties, the Commission voted unanimously to grant Ring-neck's Petition to Intervene. Further, the Commission voted unanimously to include Ring-neck in an amended procedural schedule.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that Ring-neck's Petition to Intervene is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the amended procedural schedule is established as follows:

SDIP Prefiled Testimony	July 28, 2017
SDIP Supplemental Testimony	November 17, 2017
Staff, MDU and Ring-neck Prefiled Testimony	April 2, 2018
All Parties Rebuttal Testimony	April 30, 2018
Final Discovery Responses	June 1, 2018
Evidentiary Hearing	June 13-15, 2018

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of March 2018.

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:	<u>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date:	<u>03/03/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner