

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	ORDER APPROVING
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. FOR)	TARIFF REVISIONS
APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS)	
)	EL13-023

On June 18, 2013, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., for Commission approval of revisions to MDU's tariffs applicable to cogeneration and small power production facilities with capacities of 100 kW or less, specifically Occasional Power Purchase Non-Time Differentiated Rate 95, Short-Term Power Purchase Time Differentiated Rate 96, and Long-Term Power Purchase Time Differentiated Rate 97. The proposed revisions are to update MDU's avoided cost rates for small qualifying facilities and to reflect MDU's current methodology for determining the monthly dispatchable resources capacity payment and non-dispatchable resources capacity payment under Rates 96 and 97. The revised tariff sheets for which approval is sought are as follows:

State of South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule - SD P.U.C.

Section No. 3

27th Revised Sheet No. 28	Cancelling 26th Revised Sheet No. 28
28th Revised Sheet No. 29	Cancelling 27th Revised Sheet No. 29
28th Revised Sheet No. 30	Cancelling 27th Revised Sheet No. 30

On June 20, 2013, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 05, 2013, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filing electronic list serv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, including 49-34A-6, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-93, and ARSD 20:10:13:02 through 20:10:13:27.

At its regular meeting on July 11, 2013, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the tariff sheets as revised. Finding the proposed tariff revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revisions. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU's revised tariff sheets, as described above, are approved and shall be effective as of July 19, 2013. It is further

ORDERED, that MDU shall file final conforming tariff sheets reflecting the effective date of July 19, 2013.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of July, 2013.

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: Tina Douglas

Date: 7/16/13

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commission

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commission