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

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IN THE MATTER OF STAFF'S REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE THE EFFECTS OF THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT ON SOUTH DAKOTA UTILITIES ORDER APPROVING REVISED RATES AND ASSOCIATED TARIFF REVISIONS FOR MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. ON LESS THAN 30 DAYS' NOTICE

## GE17-003

On December 21, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Commission staff (Staff) requesting a docket be opened to investigate the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on South Dakota utilities. Staff also filed a Motion Requesting Order Requiring Comments and Securing Tax Effects for Customers as of January 1, 2018 (Motion). In the Motion, Staff requested the Commission investigate the effect the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (Act) will have on South Dakota utilities and requested the Commission issue an order requiring utilities to submit comments on the effect the Act will have on each utility. Additionally, Staff requested the Commission issue an order that any adjustment to rates due to the Act will be effective on January 1, 2018.

On December 22, 2017, the Commission issued an Order for and Notice of Motion Hearing on Less than 10 Days' Notice. On December 28, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 12, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On December 29, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Comments; Order Requiring Rates in Effect January 1, 2018, are Subject to Refund; Order Granting Intervention. On September 28, 2018, Staff and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) filed a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and Settlement Stipulation. On October 23, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation Between Staff and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. On December 3, 2018, Montana-Dakota submitted a compliance filing regarding 2019 base rate reductions, including revised tariff pages. On December 19, 2018, Montana-Dakota filed a revised tariff page. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

State of South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule - SDPUC Volume No. 2

Section No. 3 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 3 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 5 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 5.1 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 8 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 9 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 10 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 10.1 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 13 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 14

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State of South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule - SDPUC Volume No. 2

Section No. 3 7<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 2 6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 11 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 12 8<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 13 6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 22.1 6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 26

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The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, and 49-34A-26.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 28, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the revised rates and associated tariff revisions on less than 30 days' notice with an effective date of January 1, 2019. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the revised rates and above-mentioned tariff revisions are approved on less than 30 days' notice with an effective date of January 1, 2019.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this  $29^{+1}$  day of December 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 or by mail.
By: Adam de Aveck
Date: 12/28/18
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner