

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY) MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES COMPANY TO) REVISE ITS COGENERATION TARIFFS)))))	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS EL96-010
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On June 3, 1996, Montana-Dakota Utilities Company (Montana-Dakota), filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a proposed revision to its cogeneration tariffs, specifically its 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:

Section No. 3, Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 28, cancelling the Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 28

Section No. 3, Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 29, cancelling the Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 29

Section No. 3, Seventh Revised Sheet No. 29.1, cancelling the Sixth Revised Sheet No. 29.1

Section No. 3, Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 30, cancelling the Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 30

Section No. 3, Tenth Revised Sheet No. 30.1, cancelling the Ninth Revised Sheet No. 30.1

At a regularly noticed and scheduled meeting of July 9, 1996, the Commission considered approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10 and 49-34A-12. Further, the rates are just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Montana-Dakota's revised tariffs as described above are approved, shall be posted by July 15, 1996, and shall be effective for service rendered after August 14, 1996.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of July, 1996.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Helaine Kalbo

Date: 7/18/96

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman


JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner


LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner