

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A)
SUBSIDIARY OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP)
INC., FOR APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL)
UPDATE TO ITS INFRASTRUCTURE RIDER)
RATE)

**ORDER ASSESSING FILING FEE;
ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO
CONSULTING CONTRACTS**

EL21-007

On February 26, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a subsidiary of MDU Resources Group Inc. (MDU) for approval of the annual update to its Infrastructure Rider Rate, pursuant to the terms of the its Infrastructure Rider Rate 56 tariff. MDU proposes an Infrastructure Rider rate of \$0.00684 per kWh for the rate period covered by this filing, which is a decrease of \$0.00157 per kWh from that currently authorized. Under the Infrastructure Rider Rate 56 tariff, MDU shall update the Infrastructure Rider annually to be effective each May 1.

On March 4, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 19, 2021, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-73 through 49-34A-78. SDCL 49-34A-77 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to \$250,000 in the Commission's Regulatory Assessment Fee Fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 16, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee as requested by Commission staff up to the statutory limit of \$250,000 to account for actual expenses incurred in review of this filing commencing from the filing date and authorize the executive director to enter into necessary consulting contracts. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-77 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$250,000. It is further

ORDERED, that the executive director is authorized to enter into necessary consulting contracts.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of March 2021.

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: <u>Adam DeHuelle</u>
Date: <u>3/18/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Eiegen
KRISTIE EIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner