

**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 TRANSMISSION COST)
RECOVERY RIDER RATE)

**ORDER ASSESSING
FILING FEE**

EL21-009

On March 1, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a subsidiary of MDU Resources Group Inc. (MDU) requesting approval of its annual update to its Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider. MDU states the proposed tariff change is necessary to reflect the projected 2021 charges assessed to MDU for transmission-related services provided by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator and Southwest Power Pool along with the projected revenues and/or credits received by MDU for transmission-related services. In addition, MDU is including the projected 2021 revenue requirements for two transmission projects approved in EL20-010 and one new transmission project in its projected 2021 TCR update. MDU proposes a TCR Rider rate of \$0.00694 per kWh to be effective May 1, 2021, which is an increase of \$0.00181 per kWh from that currently authorized.

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. No petitions to intervene or comments have been filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

SDCL 49-1A-8 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to fifty thousand dollars 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 \$50,000 to account for actual expenses incurred in review of this filing commencing from the filing date. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$50,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th 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 DeHueck</u>
Date: <u>3/17/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
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