

**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 APPROVING  
TRANSMISSION COST  
RECOVERY RIDER RATE  
AND TARIFF REVISION**

**EL22-006**

On March 1, 2022, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for approval of its annual update to its Transmission Cost Recovery Rider (TCRR). MDU states the proposed tariff change is necessary to reflect the projected 2022 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 2022 revenue requirements for three previous approved transmission projects and two new transmission projects in its projected 2022 TCR update. MDU proposes a TCR Rider rate of \$0.01734 per kWh to be effective June 1, 2022, which is an increase of \$0.01040 per kWh from that currently authorized.

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Section No. 3

6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 28.1

Canceling 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 28.1

On March 3, 2022, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 18, 2022, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On April 25, 2022, Commission staff filed its memorandum in this matter. On April 28, 2022, at its regularly scheduled meeting, requesting additional information on internal labor costs, the Commission deferred this item.

On May 3, 2022, MDU filed a letter with supplemental information.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-12, and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:13.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 10, 2022, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval, as outlined in its memorandum, of the revised TCRR rate of \$0.01734 per kWh and the revised tariff sheet. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revised TCRR rate and revised tariff sheet, effective June 1, 2022. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the revised TCRR rate of \$0.01734 per kWh and the above-referenced tariff sheet are hereby approved, effective June 1, 2022.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

**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 Detbeck

Date: 5/12/22

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner