

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

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| 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 EL23-006 |
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On March 1, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for approval of the annual update to its Infrastructure Rider (IR) Rate, pursuant to the terms of the MDU's IR Rate 56 tariff. MDU proposes an IR rate of \$0.00523 per kWh for the rate period covered by this filing, which is a decrease of \$0.00123 per kWh from that currently authorized. The IR Rate 56 tariff requires MDU to update the IR annually with updates effective May 1 of each year.

On March 3, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 17, 2023, to interested persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments have been filed to date.

The Commission has jurisdiction over 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 14, 2023, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff requested that the Commission assess a filing fee not to exceed \$250,000 to account for actual expenses incurred in review of this filing. MDU did not object to the fee assessment. The Commission voted unanimously to assess MDU a filing fee in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 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 49-34A-77 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$250,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of March 2023.

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| 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 C. Hueck</u> |
| Date: <u>3/14/23</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner