

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING JOINT
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A)	MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF
SUBSIDIARY OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP,)	SETTLEMENT STIPULATION;
INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS)	ORDER APPROVING
ELECTRIC RATES)	SETTLEMENT STIPULATION;
)	ORDER APPROVING
)	REFUND PLAN
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On August 15, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU or Company) for approval to increase rates for electric service to customers in its South Dakota service territory by approximately \$3.0 million annually or approximately 17.3% based on MDU's test year ending December 31, 2022. The Company states a typical residential electric customer using 900 kWh per month would see an increase of approximately \$20.00 per month or 17.6%. The proposed changes may potentially affect approximately 8,500 electric customers in MDU's South Dakota service territory.

On August 17, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 13, 2023, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene were filed. Four comments were filed. On September 1, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Suspending Operation of Proposed Rates; Order Assessing Filing Fee; Order Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into Consulting Contracts. On January 26, 2024, MDU filed a Notice of Intent to Implement Interim Electric Service Rates effective for service on and after March 1, 2024. On June 14, 2024, MDU filed a letter stating that it would not exercise its right to not refund interim rates beyond the twelve-month deadline as provided in SDCL 49-34A-17. On July 26, 2024, a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation, Settlement Stipulation and a Commission Staff Memorandum Supporting Settlement Stipulation were filed.

The revised tariff sheets proposed by MDU, effective for service rendered on and after September 1, 2024, cancel and replace the entirety of the tariff formerly designated as Electric Rate Schedule - SDPUC Volume No. 2. The replacement tariff is titled Electric Rate Schedule - SDPUC No. 3. The tariff was filed as Exhibit A to the Settlement Stipulation. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

State of South Dakota
Electric Rate Schedule – SDPUC Volume No. 3

Section No. 1
Original Sheet No. 1
Original Sheet No. 1.1

Section No. 2
Original Sheet No. 1

Original Sheet No. 1.1
Original Sheet No. 1.2

Section No. 3

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Section No. 6

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The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, including 1-26-20, 49-34A-3, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.4, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-13, 49-34A-13.1, 49-34A-14, 49-34A-17, 49-34A-19, 49-34A-19.1, 49-34A-19.2, 49-34A-21, and 49-34A-22.

The Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation was noticed for Commission consideration and action at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 13, 2024. The Commission heard from MDU and Commission staff concerning the Joint Motion and Settlement Stipulation. Having thoroughly reviewed the filings in the docket and after having made further extensive inquiry of the parties, the Commission found that the terms and conditions proposed in the Settlement Stipulation were just, reasonable, and in the public interest and that good and sufficient cause was demonstrated to approve the Settlement Stipulation. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and approve the Settlement Stipulation, including the attached Interim Refund Plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation is hereby granted and the Settlement Stipulation, including the attached Interim Refund Plan, is approved. The Settlement Stipulation is incorporated by reference into this Decision and Order the same as if it had been set forth in its entirety herein. It is further

ORDERED, that the aforementioned tariff sheets are approved for service rendered on and after September 1, 2024.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of August 2024.

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>[Signature]</u>
Date:	<u>16 August 2024</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

[Signature: Kristie Fiegen]
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

[Signature: Gary Hanson]
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

[Signature: Chi Nelson]
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner