

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. for ) DOCKET NO. EL23-\_\_\_\_  
Authority to Increase Rates for Electric )  
Service in South Dakota )

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APPLICATION AND NOTICE

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (hereinafter referred to as “Montana-Dakota”, “Applicant”, or “Company”) submits this application to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for authority to increase rates for electric service in South Dakota. The Applicant in the above-entitled proceeding respectfully submits the following Application and Notice, tariffs, and information in support thereof.

In support of its Application, Montana-Dakota respectfully states the following:

I.

Montana-Dakota is a Delaware corporation duly authorized to do business in the State of South Dakota as a foreign corporation, and that it is doing business in the State of South Dakota as a public utility.

II.

The Company’s Certificate of Incorporation and Amendments thereto have previously been filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“PUC” or “Commission”). Such Certificate and Amendments are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

III.

That Applicant's full name and post office address are:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
400 North Fourth Street  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501

IV.

That the following described rate schedules presently on file with and approved by the Commission are attached hereto as Appendix A.

<b>SDPUC Volume No. 2</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Section 1</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet Nos. 1-1.1	Table of Contents
<b>Section 2</b>	
Original Sheet Nos. 1-1.2	Preliminary Statement
<b>Section 3</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1	Residential Electric Service Rate 10
Original Sheet No. 2	Reserved for Future Use
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 3	Optional Time-of-Day Residential Electric Service Rate 16
Original Sheet No. 3.1	Optional Time-of-Day Residential Electric Service Rate 16
Original Sheet No. 4	Reserved for Future Use
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet Nos. 5-5.1	Small General Electric Service Rate 20
Original Sheet No. 5.2	Small General Electric Service Rate 20
Original Sheet Nos. 6-7	Reserved for Future Use
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 8	Outdoor Lighting Service Rate 24
Original Sheet No. 8.1	Outdoor Lighting Service Rate 24
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 9	Irrigation Power Service Rate 25
Original Sheet No. 9.1	Irrigation Power Service Rate 25
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet Nos. 10-10.1	Optional Time-of-Day Small General Electric Service Rate 26
Original Sheet No. 10.2	Optional Time-of-Day Small General Electric Service Rate 26
Original Sheet Nos. 11-12	Reserved for Future Use
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 13	Large General Electric Service Rate 30
Original Sheet No. 13.1	Large General Electric Service Rate 30
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 14	General Electric Space Heating Service Rate 32
Original Sheet No. 14.1	General Electric Space Heating Service Rate 32
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 15	Optional Time-of-Day Large General Electric Service Rate 33
Original Sheet Nos. 15.1-15.2	Optional Time-of-Day Large General Electric Service Rate 33
Original Sheet Nos. 16-16.2	Firm Service Economic Development Rate 34
Original Sheet Nos. 17-18	Reserved for Future Use
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 19	Street Lighting Service Rate 41
Original Sheet No. 19.1	Street Lighting Service Rate 41

1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 20	High Density Contracted Demand Response Rate 45
Original Sheet Nos. 20.1-20.2	High Density Contracted Demand Response Rate 45
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21	Municipal Pumping Service Rate 48
Original Sheet No. 21.1	Municipal Pumping Service Rate 48
Original Sheet Nos. 22-23	Reserved for Future Use
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 24	Residential Electric Dual Fuel Space Heating Service Rate 53
Original Sheet No. 24.1	Residential Electric Dual Fuel Space Heating Service Rate 53
6 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 25	Infrastructure Rider Rate 56
3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 25.1	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet No. 26	Environmental Cost Recovery Rider Rate 57
Original Sheet Nos. 27-27.1	Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Rate 58
86 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 27.2	Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Rate 58
Original Sheet No. 28	Transmission Cost Recovery Rider Rate 59
7 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 28.1	Transmission Cost Recovery Rider Rate 59
Original Sheet Nos. 29-34	Reserved for Future Use
7 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 35	Occasional Power Purchase Rate 95 Non-Time Differentiated
Original Sheet No. 35.1	Occasional Power Purchase Rate 95 Non-Time Differentiated
7 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 36	Power Purchase Rate 96 Time Differentiated
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 36.1	Power Purchase Rate 96 Time Differentiated
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet Nos. 37-37.1	Reserved for Future Use
<b>Section 4</b>	
Original Sheet No. 1	List of Electric Contracts with Deviations
<b>Section 6</b>	
Original Sheet Nos. 1-1.8	General Provisions Rate 100
Original Sheet Nos. 2-9	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet Nos. 10-10.31	Electric Service Rules and Regulations Rate 110
Original Sheet No. 11	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet Nos. 12-12.2	Electric Extension Policy Rate 112
Original Sheet Nos. 13-14	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet Nos. 15-15.2	Rules and Policies for Implementing Master Metering Restrictions Rate 133
Original Sheet Nos. 16-16.2	Meter Data and Privacy Policy Rate 140
<b>Section 6</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1	Consumer's Deposit Receipt
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet Nos. 2-2.1	Consumer Bill
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 3	Disconnect Notice
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 4	Reserved for Future Use
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 5	Notification That Your Electric Service Has Been Limited
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 6	Customer Reference Guide
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 7	Additional Information To Customers
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 8	Discontinuance Notice for Unauthorized Use of Service
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 9	Discontinuance Notice of Service For Causes Other Than Nonpayment of Bills
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 10	Third Party Notice
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet Nos. 11-11.1	Continuous Service Agreement

1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 12	Guarantee of Payment for Natural Gas and/or Electric Service By a Second Party in Lieu of a Deposit
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 13	Final Bill Followup Number 1
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 14	Final Bill Followup Number 2
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet Nos. 15-15.1	Electric Service Agreement for Extension Policy Rate 112
Original Sheet Nos. 16-16.2	Customer's Agent Authorization Form
Original Sheet Nos. 17-17.1	Consent to Disclose Utility Energy Usage Information

V.

Montana-Dakota respectfully hereby files the following described proposed rate schedules for electric service, copies attached hereto as Appendix B, which substitute for the rate schedules as noted below. The following described proposed rate schedules are proposed to be effective on a final basis in this docket.

<b>SDPUC Volume No. 3</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Section 1</b>	
Original Sheet Nos. 1-1.1	Table of Contents
<b>Section 2</b>	
Original Sheet Nos. 1-1.2	Preliminary Statement
<b>Section 3</b>	
Original Sheet No. 1	Residential Electric Service Rate 10
Original Sheet No. 2	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet Nos. 3-3.1	Optional Time-of-Day Residential Electric Service Rate 16
Original Sheet No. 4	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet Nos. 5-5.2	Small General Electric Service Rate 20
Original Sheet Nos. 6-7	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet Nos. 8-8.1	Outdoor Lighting Service Rate 24
Original Sheet Nos. 9-9.1	Irrigation Power Service Rate 25
Original Sheet Nos. 10-10.2	Optional Time-of-Day Small General Electric Service Rate 26
Original Sheet Nos. 11-12	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet Nos. 13-13.1	Large General Electric Service Rate 30
Original Sheet Nos. 14-14.1	General Electric Space Heating Service Rate 32
Original Sheet Nos. 15-15.2	Optional Time-of-Day Large General Electric Service Rate 33
Original Sheet Nos. 16-16.2	Firm Service Economic Development Rate 34
Original Sheet Nos. 17-18	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet Nos. 19-19.1	Public Lighting Service Rate 41
Original Sheet Nos. 20-20.2	High Density Contracted Demand Response Rate 45
Original Sheet Nos. 21-21.1	Municipal Pumping Service Rate 48
Original Sheet Nos. 22-23	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet Nos. 24-24.1	Residential Electric Dual Fuel Space Heating Service Rate 53 (Closed)
Original Sheet No. 25	Infrastructure Rider Rate 56

Original Sheet No. 26	Environmental Cost Recovery Rider Rate 57
Original Sheet Nos. 27-27.2	Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Rate 58
Original Sheet Nos. 28-28.1	Transmission Cost Recovery Rider Rate 59
Original Sheet Nos. 29-34	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet Nos. 35-35.1	Occasional Power Purchase Rate 95 Non-Time Differentiated
Original Sheet Nos. 36-36.1	Power Purchase Rate 96 Time Differentiated
Original Sheet No. 37	Reserved for Future Use
<b>Section 4</b>	
Original Sheet No. 1	List of Electric Contracts with Deviations
<b>Section 5</b>	
Original Sheet Nos. 1-1.10	General Provisions Rate 100
Original Sheet Nos. 2-9	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet Nos. 10-10.31	Electric Service Rules and Regulations Rate 110
Original Sheet No. 11	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet Nos. 12-12.2	Electric Extension Policy Rate 112
Original Sheet Nos. 13-13.1	Summary Billing Plan Rate 115
Original Sheet No. 14	Reserved for Future Use
Original Sheet Nos. 15-15.2	Rules and Policies for Implementing Master Metering Restrictions Rate 133
Original Sheet Nos. 16-16.2	Meter Data and Privacy Policy Rate 140
<b>Section 6</b>	
Original Sheet No. 1	Past Due Reminder Letter
Original Sheet Nos. 2-2.1	Consumer Bill
Original Sheet No. 3	Disconnect Notice
Original Sheet No. 4	Final Notice - Winter Letter
Original Sheet No. 5	Notification That Your Electric Service Has Been Limited
Original Sheet No. 6	Customer Reference Guide
Original Sheet No. 7	Additional Information To Customers
Original Sheet No. 8	Final Notice Prior To Disconnect Door Tag
Original Sheet No. 9	Service Disconnected Door Tag
Original Sheet No. 10	First Reminder Notice (Closed Account)
Original Sheet No. 11	Final Notice (Closed Account)
Original Sheet No. 12	Guarantee of Payment for Natural Gas and/or Electric Service By a Second Party in Lieu of a Deposit
Original Sheet No. 13	Third Party Notice
Original Sheet Nos. 14-14.2	Continuous Service Agreement
Original Sheet Nos. 15-15.1	Electric Service Agreement for Extension Policy Rate 112
Original Sheet Nos. 16-16.2	Customer's Agent Authorization Form
Original Sheet Nos. 17-17.1	Consent to Disclose Utility Energy Usage Information
Original Sheet Nos. 18-18.1	Authorization Form for Aggregated/Anonymized Energy Consumption Data
Original Sheet No. 19	Notice of Hazardous Conditions - Electric

VI.

That the existing rates of Montana-Dakota are unjust, unreasonable, and not compensatory. The new rates will allow Montana-Dakota an opportunity to fully recover its costs of providing electric service and to earn a just and reasonable rate of return on its electric property devoted to providing service to its South Dakota electric customers.

VII.

That Montana-Dakota is proposing the implementation of the increased rates contained herein which will provide additional annual net revenues, before income taxes, in the annual amount of \$2,984,237 based on a December 31, 2022 test year, adjusted for known and measurable changes, for electric service rendered to customers located in the Company's service area in South Dakota. This request amounts to a 17.3 percent increase over current electric rates.

VIII.

Filed concurrently with this Application and Notice and its Appendices are supporting Statements and Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Montana-Dakota's witnesses showing the existing rates are unjust, unreasonable, and not compensatory, and that the new rates are just, reasonable, and compensatory.

IX.

This Application and Notice is submitted in accordance with the provisions of South Dakota Codified Laws, Chapter 49-34A and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota and the filing guidelines of the Public Utilities Commission.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota:

1. Approve and adopt the proposed rate changes as set forth in Appendix B of this Application to be effective upon final disposition of this docket;
2. Expedite any hearing which the Commission deems necessary to determine the propriety of Applicant's proposed rate schedules set forth herein, and issue its final order establishing the rates set forth herein; and
3. Grant such other and additional relief as the Commission shall deem just and proper.

Dated August 15, 2023

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.



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Executive Vice President - Regulatory  
Affairs, Customer Service & Administration  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
400 North Fourth Street  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501

Garret Senger, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Executive Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Customer Service & Administration of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. that he has read the foregoing Application and Notice, knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

Dated August 15, 2023.



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