

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY )  
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A )  
SUBSIDIARY OF MDU RESOURCES )  
GROUP INC., FOR APPROVAL OF AN )  
ELECTRIC SERVICE AGREEMENT )  
UNDER RATE 45 BETWEEN MONTANA- )  
DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A SUBSIDIARY )  
OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC., AND )  
LEOLA DATA CENTER LLC )**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**EL24-028**

On August 5, 2024, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) requesting approval of an electric service agreement (Agreement) between MDU and Leola Data Center, LLC (Customer). In this docket, MDU requests approval of the Agreement, which would provide for the sale of all electric power pursuant to MDU's High Density Contracted Demand Response Rate 45. In a separate docket, Docket No. EL24-027, the Customer has requested the Commission allow MDU to provide electric service to the Customer pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-56.

On July 3, 2024, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 19, 2024, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. Petitions to Intervene have been filed by FEM Electric Association, Inc., Leola Data Center, East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., and Basin Electric Power Cooperative. MDU has filed a Response and Objection to Petitions, indicating that MDU does not object to the intervention of the Customer, but objects to the other interventions.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A. The Commission may rely upon any or all of these or other laws of this state in making its determination.

A motions hearing will be held by the Commission beginning at 9:30 a.m. CDT, Tuesday, September 24, 2024, during the Commission's regularly scheduled commission meeting in Room 413 of the State Capitol Building, 500 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota. The Commission will consider the Petitions for Intervention in this docket. It is therefore

**ORDERED**, that a hearing will be held during the Commission's regularly scheduled Commission meeting on September 24, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. CDT in Room 413 of the Capitol Building in Pierre, South Dakota. It is further

**ORDERED**, that any party or petitioner for intervention may file a response to MDU's Response and Objection to Petitions no later than 5:00 p.m. CDT, September 17, 2024.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 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: *[Signature]*

Date: *4 September 2024*

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Kristie Fiegen*  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

*Chi Nelson*  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner