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 ASSESSING FILING FEE** **EL24-007**

On March 1, 2024, 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 (TCR) Rider. MDU states the proposed tariff change is necessary to reflect the projected 2024 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, including transmission revenues from a large customer taking service under MDU's Rate 45 tariff. MDU proposes a TCR Rider rate of negative $0.00216 per kWh to be effective May 1, 2024, which is a decrease of $0.00586 per kWh from current interim rates and a decrease of $0.01848 from the rate authorized in the last TCR filing.

On March 7, 2024, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 22, 2024, to interested individuals 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 in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

SDCL 49-1A-8 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to $50,000 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 12, 2024, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee as requested by Commission staff up to the statutory limit of $50,000 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 49-1A-8 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed $50,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of March 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: Kristen Edwards

Date: 14 March 2024

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner