

**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., UPDATE TO)
INFRASTRUCTURE RIDER (IR) RATE 56)
AND REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FUEL)
AND PURCHASE POWER ADJUSTMENT)
RATE 58)

ORDER ASSESSING
FILING FEE; ORDER
AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO
CONSULTING CONTRACTS;
ORDER GRANTING WAIVER

EL25-039

On October 31, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU or Company) for approval of an out-of-period update to its Infrastructure Rider (IR) Rate, pursuant to the terms of MDU's IR Rate 56 tariff. MDU requests this out-of-period update to more closely match the purchase and impending in service date of the Badger Wind facility. MDU is also requesting a waiver of the Fuel and Purchase Power Adjustment (FPPA) Rate 58 tariff to allow the Company to include the Production Tax Credits (PTC) resulting from the purchase of the Badger Wind Project in the IR Rate 56. MDU proposes an IR rate of \$0.01093 per kWh for the rate period covered by this filing, which is an increase of \$0.00832 per kWh from the rate authorized in the last IR filing. The IR Rate 56 tariff requires MDU to update the IR annually with updates effective May 1 of each year. However, in this filing, MDU requests approval effective with service rendered on and after March 1, 2026. MDU proposes these costs to be recovered over a 14-month period from March 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027. A typical residential customer using 900 kWh would see an increase of approximately \$7.50 per month.

On November 6, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 21, 2025, 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 in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1, and 49-34A, specifically SDCL 49-34A-4, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-25 and 49-34A-77.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 18, 2025, 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 \$250,000 to account for actual expenses incurred in review of this filing commencing from the filing date and to give the executive director authority to enter into necessary consulting contracts and, finding the waiver to be just and reasonable, approve the waiver of the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Rate 58. 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. It is further

ORDERED, that the executive director shall have the authority to enter into necessary

consulting contracts. It is further

ORDERED, that MDU's request for waiver is approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of November 2025.

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><i>Kristie Fiegen</i></u>
Date:	<u>20 Nov 2025</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner