BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A SUBSIDIARY OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC., FOR APPROVAL OF DEFFERED ACCOUNTING TREATMENT FOR RETIREMENT OF GLEN ULLIN STATION 6	)))))))	**ORDER APPROVING DEFERRED ACCOUNTING TREATMENT** **EL26-013**

On May 12, 2026, the South Dakota Commission received a filing from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Subsidiary of MDU Resources Group Inc. (MDU), for approval of Deferred Accounting Treatment related to the retirement of the Glen Ullin Station 6 (GUS6) generating station. GUS6 utilizes the waste heat generated from a natural gas compressor that ceased continuous operation beginning May 1, 2026. MDU determined retirement of GUS6 on June 1, 2026, was the most cost-effective option. The Company expects the total deferral allocated to South Dakota will be approximately $93,000.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-7.

On May 14, 2026, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 29, 2026, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention.

At its regularly scheduled August 11, 2026, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended the Commission authorize MDU to use deferred accounting, with the conditions recommended in Staff's Memorandum. The Commission voted unanimously to allow MDU to use deferred accounting for the accelerated depreciation and excess accumulated deferred income taxes (EADIT) resulting from the retirement of the Glen Ullin Station 6 (GUS6) generating station, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the deferral/amortization accounting method and the resulting creation of a regulatory asset (the deferred balance) shall not preclude Commission review of these amounts for prudence, reasonableness, and possible allowance or disallowance in any determination of rates, including both rate filings by the Company and rate reviews initiated by the Commission.

2. That this allowance of a deferral/amortization accounting method and the resulting creation of a regulatory asset, after the related costs have been incurred, is not to be interpreted as allowing future post expenditure deferrals.

3. That the Commission's decision in this case is based on the facts of this case and any future allowance of the deferral/amortization accounting method and the resulting creation of a regulatory asset must be approved by the Commission.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU is allowed to use deferred accounting for the accelerated depreciation and excess accumulated deferred income taxes (EADIT) resulting from the retirement of the Glen Ullin Station 6 (GUS6) generating station, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the deferral/amortization accounting method and the resulting creation of a regulatory asset (the deferred balance) shall not preclude Commission review of these amounts for prudence, reasonableness, and possible allowance or disallowance in any determination of rates, including both rate filings by the Company and rate reviews initiated by the Commission.

2. That this allowance of a deferral/amortization accounting method and the resulting creation of a regulatory asset, after the related costs have been incurred, is not to be interpreted as allowing future post expenditure deferrals.

3. That the Commission's decision in this case is based on the facts of this case and any future allowance of the deferral/amortization accounting method and the resulting creation of a regulatory asset must be approved by the Commission.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of August 2026.

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.

By:

Date: 12 Aug 2026

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

GARY HANSON, Commissioner