

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

**IN THE MATTER OF STAFF'S
REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE THE
EFFECTS OF THE TAX CUTS AND
JOBS ACT ON SOUTH DAKOTA
UTILITIES**

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**JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF
SETTLEMENT STIPULATION**

GE17-003

The Staff of the Public Utilities Commission (Staff) and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group (Montana-Dakota) jointly referred to as "Parties," hereby file this Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation. The Parties request that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation as the settlement and resolution of all the issues between Staff and Montana-Dakota in this proceeding. In support of this Motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. This Joint Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19;
2. The Settlement Stipulation resolves all issues between Staff and Montana-Dakota in this docket;
3. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation represent a negotiated settlement of all the issues between Staff and Montana-Dakota in this docket;
4. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation agreed upon are just and reasonable and consistent with South Dakota Law.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Parties jointly request the Commission grant the Joint Motion for Approval of the Settlement Stipulation and adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation without modification for the purpose of resolving all issues in this proceeding between Staff and Montana-Dakota.

Dated this 27th day of September 2018

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of
MDU Resources Group

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