



UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Application to Revise the Company's
Transportation Service Rates 81 and 82
and Gas Transportation Agreement
Docket No. NG17-_____

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith electronically submits the Company's application for approval to revise its Transportation Service Rates 81 and 82 tariff (Transportation Tariff) and related Gas Transportation Agreement (Agreement). The Company is proposing several modifications to the current Tariff and Agreement, as outlined further in the attached application, which would remove the duplication of select provisions currently included in both the Tariff and Agreement. The Company is also proposing to update the Transportation Tariff to reflect current practices and procedures and to simplify the balancing provision applicable under the currently authorized tariff. The Company is requesting approval of the below noted rate schedules, provided herein as Exhibit 1, and the Gas Transportation Agreement, provided herein as Exhibit 2, to coincide with the conversion of the Company's transportation customers' billing on to the Company's Customer Care and Billing System anticipated in the 4th quarter of 2017.

- 3rd Revised Sheet No. 22
- 5th Revised Sheet No. 22.1
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 22.2
- 2nd Revised Sheet No. 22.3
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 22.4 through 22.8

The Company is not requesting a change in the currently effective Basic Service and Commodity Charges applicable under the Rates 81 and 82 tariff; however, the tariff is included in its entirety because of the re-pagination due to the proposed changes.

The changes proposed herein to the Company's Transportation Service Rates 81 and 82 tariff and the related Gas Transportation Agreement provide customers with a more streamlined Agreement through the removal of duplicate provisions currently included in both the Tariff and Agreement and with an easier to understand balancing charge provision that provides a better price signal to the transportation service customers.

Included herein is a second set of the affected tariffs on which Montana-Dakota has indicated the revision requested by lining through the existing language which the Company proposes to delete and clearly highlighting the new language proposed.

The Company will comply with ARSD 20:10:13:18 by posting the Notice shown in Attachment A in a conspicuous place in each business office in its affected natural gas territory in South Dakota.

Included as Attachment B is the South Dakota "Report of Tariff Schedule Change" form required pursuant to ARSD 20:10:13:26.

Please refer all inquiries regarding this filing to:

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Also, please send copies of all written inquiries, correspondence and pleadings to:

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This filing has been electronically submitted to the Commission in accordance with ARSD 20:10:01:02:05. Montana-Dakota respectfully requests that this filing be accepted as being in full compliance with the filing requirements of this Commission.

Sincerely,



Tamie A. Aberle
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

cc: B. Koenecke