DEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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10M	NATA	A-DAKO	ITU ATC	LITIES	CO., A	SUBSID	IARY
OF	MDU	J RES	SOURCE	ES GI	ROUP,	INC.	FOR
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ORDER GRANTING JOINT
MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF
SETTLEMENT STIPULATION;
ORDER APPROVING
SETTLEMENT STIPULATION;
ORDER APPROVING REFUND
PLAN

NG23-014

On August 15, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU or Company) for approval to increase rates for natural gas service to customers in its South Dakota service territory by approximately \$7.4 million annually or approximately 11.2% based on MDU's test year ending December 31, 2022. The Company states a typical residential natural gas customer using 66.3 dk on an annual basis would see an increase of \$8.70 per month or 15.9%. The proposed changes may potentially affect approximately 64,600 natural gas customers in MDU's South Dakota service territory.

On August 17, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 13, 2023, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filing electronic listsery. No petitions to intervene were filed. Four comments were filed. On September 1, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Assessing Filing Fee; Order Suspending Operation of Proposed Rates; Order Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into Consulting Contracts. On January 26, 2024, MDU filed a Notice of Intent to Implement Interim Natural Gas Service Rates effective for service on and after March 1, 2024. On June 14, 2024, MDU filed a stating that it would not exercise its right to not refund interim rates beyond the twelvementh deadline as provided in SDCL 49-34A-17. On July 26, 2024, a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation, Settlement Stipulation and a Commission Staff Memorandum Supporting Settlement Stipulation were filed.

The revised tariff sheets proposed by MDU, effective for service rendered on and after September 1, 2024, cancel and replace the entirety of the tariff formerly designated as Gas Rate Schedule - SDPUC Volume No. 2. The replacement tariff is titled Gas Rate Schedule - SDPUC Volume No. 3. The tariff was filed as Exhibit A to the Settlement Stipulation. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

State of South Dakota
Gas Rate Schedule - SDPUC Volume No. 3

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The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, specifically, 1-26-20, 49-34A-3, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-13, 49-34A-13, 49-34A-14, 49-34A-17, 49-34A-19, 49-34A-19.1, 49-34A-19.1, 49-34A-21, and 49-34A-22.

The Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation was noticed for Commission consideration and action at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 13, 2024. The Commission heard from MDU and Commission Staff concerning the Joint Motion and the related Settlement Stipulation. Having thoroughly reviewed the filings in the docket and made further inquiry of the parties, the Commission found that the terms and conditions proposed in the Settlement Stipulation were just, reasonable, and in the public interest and that good and sufficient cause was demonstrated to approve the Settlement Stipulation. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Joint Motion and approve the Settlement Stipulation. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Joint Motion for Approval of the Settlement Stipulation and approve the Settlement Stipulation, including the attached Interim Refund Plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation is hereby granted and the Settlement Stipulation, including the attached Interim Refund Plan, is hereby approved The Settlement Stipulation is incorporated by reference into this order the same as if it had been set forth in its entirety herein. It is further

ORDERED, that the tariff sheets set forth above are approved for service rendered on and after September 1, 2024.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this ______ day of August 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: Knisten Muanas

Date: 1/1 august 2024

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner