

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ) MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A ) DIVISION OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. ) FOR APPROVAL OF NATURAL GAS ) CONSERVATION PORTFOLIO PLAN FOR ) 2024 - 2026 )	ORDER APPROVING 2024-2026 NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION PORTFOLIO  NG23-025
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On October 25, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for approval of its South Dakota Natural Gas Conservation Portfolio Plan for 2024-2026. MDU proposes one minor change to its Programmable Thermostats – Tier 1 program to be effective January 1, 2024. The 2024 budget proposed is a decrease of 4.4% from the current budget for 2023. The proposed 2025 and 2026 budgets reflect a year-over-year increase of 1.8% and 1.7%, respectively.

On October 26, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 13, 2023, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission’s PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On November 17, 2023, MDU filed its responses to Commission staff’s data request. On December 1, 2023, Commission staff filed its Memorandum.

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

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 6, 2023, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of MDU’s proposed portfolio of Natural Gas Conservation Programs to be effective for calendar years 2024-2026. Finding MDU’s 2024-2026 Natural Gas Conservation Portfolio Plan just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve MDU’s 2024-2026 Natural Gas Conservation Portfolio Plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU’s 2024-2026 Natural Gas Conservation Portfolio Plan is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of December 2023.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>Ann M. Reiss</u>
Date: <u>12/8/2023</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

  
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GARY HANSON, Commissioner

  
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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner