

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY ) MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. FOR ) APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS ) )	<b>ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS</b>  <b>EL08-027</b>
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On September 5, 2008, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed for approval to change the effective date of the Fuel Clause Adjustment tariff from bills rendered to a service rendered basis. MDU is in the process of integrating its Automated Meter Reading (AMR) system. To avoid potential effects on customers resulting from billing periods longer or shorter than normal, MDU proposes to implement its FCA on a service rendered basis. An additional advantage of a service rendered FCA is that it will provide for an equitable sharing of costs among all customers, regardless of their meter read cycle. The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

Section No. 3, 6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 27, cancelling 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 27

At its regularly scheduled meeting of October 7, 2008, the Commission considered approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval.


The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A. Further, the revisions are just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

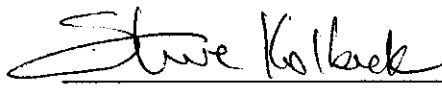
ORDERED, that MDU's revised tariff as described above is approved, effective as of October 7, 2008.

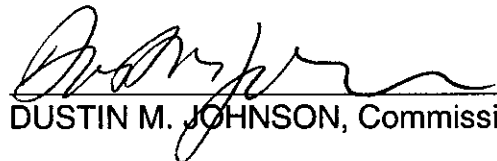
Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2008.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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 GARY HANSON, Chairman

  
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 STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

  
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 DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner