

**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 THE ANNUAL UPDATE)
TO ITS INFRASTRUCTURE RIDER RATE)**

**ORDER ASSESSING
FILING FEE**

EL17-010

On March 1, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for approval of the annual update to its Infrastructure Rider Rate, pursuant to the terms of the Company's Infrastructure Rider Rate 56 tariff. MDU is proposing to continue charging the existing tariff rate of \$0.00497 per Kwh for the rate period covered by this filing. Under the Infrastructure Rider Rate 56 tariff, MDU shall update the Infrastructure Rider annually to be effective each May 1.

On March 2, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 17, 2017, to interested persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-73 through 49-34A-78.

SDCL 49-34A-77 requires an electric utility filing an application for a phase in rate plan to pay a filing fee to be determined by the Commission in an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 14, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee as requested by Commission Staff up to the statutory limit of \$250,000 to account for actual expenses incurred in review of this filing commencing from the filing date. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-77 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$250,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of March, 2017.

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: <u>Adam DeHueck</u>
Date: <u>3/15/17</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner