

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A)
DIVISION OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP)
INC. FOR APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL)
UPDATE TO ITS INFRASTRUCTURE)
RIDER RATE)**

**ORDER ASSESSING
FILING FEE**

EL18-010

On March 1, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group Inc. (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 decrease the tariff rate to \$0.00432 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 8, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 23, 2018, 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 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in the Commission's Regulatory Assessment Fee Fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 20, 2018 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 22nd day of March 2018.

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>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>03/22/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Eiegen
KRISTIE EIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner