

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MONTANA- )  
DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A SUBSIDIARY OF MDU )  
RESOURCES GROUP INC., FOR APPROVAL OF )  
THE ANNUAL UPDATE TO ITS TRANSMISSION )  
COST RECOVERY RIDER RATE )

ORDER APPROVING )  
TCRR RATE AND )  
TARIFF REVISION )  
  
EL19-009 )

On March 1, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for approval of its annual update to its Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider. MDU's TCR rate has been adjusted to reflect the projected charges for 2019 assessed to MDU for transmission service provided by MISO and Southwest Power Pool, along with projected revenues and/or credits received by MDU for transmission related services. In addition, MDU is including the projected 2019 revenue requirements for two transmission projects in its projected 2019 TCR update. MDU proposes a TCR rate of \$0.00530 per kWh effective May 1, 2019. The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

State of South Dakota Electric Rate Schedule - SDPUC Volume No. 2

Section No. 3

3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 28.1

Canceling 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 28.1

On March 7, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 29, 2019, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On April 1, 2019, MDU filed responses to Commission staff's first data request. On May 6, 2019, MDU filed responses to Commission staff's second data request and filed versions of Attachment A and Attachment C that excluded the Bowdle Substation Project, as requested by Commission staff. On May 6, 2019, MDU submitted Revised Attachment A and Revised Attachment C to reflect a correction in the allocation of the Bowdle Substation Project allocation to South Dakota, as was discussed in the response to Data Request 1. On May 10, 2019, Commission staff filed its memorandum in this matter.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-12, and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4, and ARSD 20:10:13.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 14, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval, as outlined in its memorandum, of the revised TCRR rate of \$0.00515/kWh and revised tariff sheet. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revised TCRR rate and revised tariff sheet, effective May 15, 2019. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the revised TCRR rate of \$0.00515/kWh and the above-referenced tariff sheet is hereby approved, effective May 15, 2019.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

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. Bremer</u>
Date:	<u>5/15/19</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner