

**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 INFRASTRUCTURE RIDER RATE))))))	ORDER APPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE RIDER RATE EL19-010
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On March 1, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Subsidiary of MDU Resources Group Inc., (MDU), for approval of its annual update to its Infrastructure Rider Rate, pursuant to the terms of the company's Infrastructure Rider Rate 56 tariff. MDU proposed to increase the tariff rate to \$0.00583 per kWh for the rate period covered by this filing. The proposed increase was due in part to inclusion of the Thunder Spirit Wind Expansion. On May 7, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Approving Infrastructure Rider Rate. On May 22, 2019, MDU filed for approval of its revision to its Infrastructure Rider Rate 56 tariff. MDU is proposing to increase the tariff rate to \$0.00719 per kWh for the remainder of the rate period, effective July 1, 2019, through April 30, 2020, to include recovery of the Bowdle Substation project, as suggested by the Commission at its May 14, 2019, meeting.

On March 7, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 22, 2019, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The revised tariff sheets effective for service rendered on and after July 1, 2019 are as follows:

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

Section No. 3	
2 nd Revised Sheet No. 25	Cancelling 1 st Revised Sheet No. 25
3 rd Revised Sheet No. 25.1	Cancelling 2 nd Revised Sheet No. 25.1

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, 49-34A-73 through 49-34A-78.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on June 11, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended the Commission approve MDU's revised request to increase the existing tariff rate to \$0.00774 per kWh. Finding the request to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve MDU's request. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Infrastructure Rider Rate of \$0.00774 and updated tariff sheet set forth above are approved effective July 1, 2019.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of June 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. Reemer</u>
Date: <u>06/13/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner