

**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 ASSESSING
FILING FEE**

EL20-010

On February 28, 2020, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed for approval of its annual update to its Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) Rider. MDU states the proposed tariff change is necessary to reflect the projected 2020 charges assessed to MDU for transmission-related services provided by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) and Southwest Power Pool (SPP), along with the projected revenues and/or credits received by MDU for transmission-related services. In addition, MDU is including the projected 2020 revenue requirements for two transmission projects in its projected 2020 TCR update. MDU proposes a TCR Rider rate of \$0.00513 per kWh which is a decrease of \$0.00002 per kWh from that currently authorized.

On March 5, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 20, 2020, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

SDCL 49-1A-8 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to fifty thousand dollars 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 17, 2020, 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 \$50,000 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 49-1A-8 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$50,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of March 2020.

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.
By: <u>Adam deHueck</u>
Date: March 23, 2020
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner