

**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 TARIFF REVISIONS)
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**ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS

GE12-003**

On May 21, 2012, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Montana-Dakota Utilities (MDU) asking for approval to revise its gas rate schedule and electric rate schedule entitled "Agreement by Property Owner or Agent to Pay Utility Bills during Periods when Property is Unoccupied." MDU is proposing revisions modifying this agreement commonly referred to as the Landlord Agreement, including changing the name of the agreement to "Continuous Service Agreement." MDU requested an effective date for the proposed tariff revisions of June 21, 2012. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

Electric Rate Schedule

Section No. 6

1st Revised Sheet No. 14

Canceling Original Sheet No. 14

Gas Rate Schedule – SDPUC Volume No. 2

Section No. 6

1st Revised Sheet No. 11

Canceling Original Sheet No. 11

On May 24, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 8, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, including 49-34A-2, 49-34A-2.1, 49-34A-3, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-9, and 49-34A-10, 49-34A-12 and ARSD Chapter 20:10:13, including 20:10:13:02 through 20:10:13:28.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on June 19, 2012, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of MDU's request to revise its tariff provisions. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the requested revisions. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU's revised tariff sheets, as described above, are approval and shall be effective as of June 21, 2012.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of June, 2012.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>[Signature]</u></p> <p>Date: <u>06-28-12</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

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KRISTIE EIEGEN, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner