

**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**

**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF  
REVISIONS**

**GE12-004**

On June 29, 2012, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for approval of tariff revisions. The filing proposed to update MDU's standard bill form for gas and electric bills. The filing also proposed to revise MDU's Optional Seasonal General Gas Service Rate 72 by modifying the implementation date of seasonal gas cost changes. MDU requested an effective date of August 1, 2012. On July 3, and July 27, 2012, MDU filed revised tariff pages. On July 5, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 20, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. At its July 31, 2012, meeting the Commission approved the requested tariff revisions and on August 6, 2012, issued its Order Approving Tariff Revisions (Order).

On October 10, 2012, MDU filed a request that Docket GE12-004 be reopened so that Gas Tariff sheets Section 6, Original Sheet 4 and Original Sheet 4.1, and Electric Tariff sheet, Section 6, 6th Revised Sheet 5 be reinstated until February 1, 2013. MDU experienced a delay in implementing the new customer bill format, and the new format will not be ready for implementation until February 1, 2013. MDU requests that the tariff sheets in effect prior to the Order be reinstated until February 1, 2013, at which time tariff sheets, Gas - Section 6, 1st Revised Sheet 4 and 1st Revised Sheet 4.1, and Electric - 7th Revised Sheet 5 and Original Sheet 5.1, containing the new bill format will take effect. On October 12, 2012, MDU filed a request that the Commission consider and approve the requested tariff revisions on less than 30 days notice.

At its October 23, 2012, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended reopening the docket and allowing Gas Tariff, Section 6, Original Sheet 4 and Original Sheet 4.1 and Electric Tariff, Section 6, 6th Revised Sheet 5 to be reinstated until February 1, 2013, at which time they will be superseded by Gas Tariff, Section 6, 1st Revised Sheet 4 and 1st Revised Sheet 4.1 and Electric Tariff, Section 6, 7th Revised Sheet 5 and Original Sheet 5.1 with an effective date of February 1, 2013.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A and ARSD 20:10:17:03. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions on less than 30 days notice. It is therefore

**ORDERED**, that the reinstatement of tariff sheets in effect prior to the Order and change in effective date of revised sheets, as described above, is approved on less than 30 days notice.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.

**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: Joy Brumby

Date: Oct. 25, 2012

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner