

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY ) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF  
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A ) REVISIONS AND WAIVER  
DIVISION OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. ) OF NOTICE REQUIREMENT  
FOR TARIFF REVISIONS ) NG97-007

On May 9, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) requesting Commission approval of revisions to its tariff. The filing indicates that the tariff revisions reflect certain changes in the business practices of MDU's interconnecting pipeline, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company, required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's adoption of the Gas Industry Standards Board standards.

The following tariff sheets were filed:

Section No. 3 - 2nd Revised Sheet No. 22.8 Transportation Service Rates (81, 82, 84)

Section No. 5 - 2nd Revised Sheet No. 1.3 General Provisions Rate 100

The filing requested that the Commission approve MDU's tariff changes by June 1, 1997, in order to match the changes occurring on the pipeline effective June 1, 1997. The filing also requested a waiver of the Commission's 30 day notice requirement.

At its duly noticed ad hoc meeting of May 28, 1997, the Commission considered approval of the application and waiver request. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, and 49-34A-12, and ARSD 20:10:01:08.01, 20:10:01:09, 20:10:01:10, and 20:10:01:11.01. The Commission unanimously decided the revisions and waiver are just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the 30 day notice requirements of ARSD 20:10:13:15 and 20:10:13:17 are waived. It is further

ORDERED, that MDU's revised tariff as described above is approved and shall be effective for service rendered on and after June 1, 1997.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of June, 1997.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>William Kelso</i></u>
Date: <u>6/4/97</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

*Ram Nelson*  
RAM NELSON, Commissioner

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