

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	ORDER APPROVING GAS
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A)	EXTENSION POLICY RATE
DIVISION OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC.)	120
FOR APPROVAL OF GAS EXTENSION)	
POLICY RATE 120)	NG99-001

On February 1, 1999, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Montana-Dakota Utilities Company (MDU) for approval of Section No. 5, 1st Revised Sheet Nos. 20-20.3 and Original Sheet No. 20.4 of Gas Extension Policy Rate 120. According to the filing, "The revision to the Gas Extension Policy Rate 120 schedule is proposed in order to provide for the use of an Incremental Expansion Surcharge (Surcharge) for certain gas main extension projects."

On June 22, 1999, at its regularly scheduled meeting, Commission Staff reported that it had reviewed MDU's filing and recommended approval of the above referenced tariffs. Commission Staff also recommended that MDU file a report listing terms and conditions with Staff anytime that this tariff is applied. The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-2, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, and 49-34A-12. The Commission finds that the revisions to the tariff are just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that the revised tariffs Section No. 5, 1st Revised Sheet Nos. 20-20.3 and Original Sheet No. 20.4 of Gas Extension Policy Rate 120, are hereby approved and are effective for service rendered on and after the date of this order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25th day of June, 1999.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Alvin Kaelo</i></u>
Date: <u>6/25/99</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner