

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ) MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. FOR ) AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES FOR ) NATURAL GAS SERVICE )	)	ORDER CORRECTING DATE OF SUSPENSION OF IMPOSITION OF TARIFF NG04-004
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On June 7, 2004, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU), filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application to increase natural gas rates in its Black Hills service territory. The application seeks an increase in rates in the approximate amount of \$1,281,417 or approximately 2.2%. On June 22, 2004, the Commission suspended the proposed schedule of rates for 90 days beyond June 7, 2004. On July 15, 2004, the Commission Staff advised the Commission that the suspension should have been for 90 days beyond July 7, 2004.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, including 1-26-18, 1-26-19, 49-34A-2, 49-34A-3, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.1, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-13, 49-34A-13.1, 49-34A-14, 49-34A-16, 49-34A-17, 49-34A-19, 49-34A-19.1, 49-34A-19.2, 49-34A-20, 49-34A-21, 49-34A-22, and 49-34A-23.

At its July 20, 2004, meeting, the Commission reconsidered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to change the suspension date from 90 days beyond June 7, 2004, to 90 days beyond July 7, 2004. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the proposed schedule of rates shall be suspended for 90 days beyond July 7, 2004, pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-14.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

<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>Melaine Kellen</u>
Date: <u>7/28/04</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman *dk*

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner