

**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 ITS NATURAL )  
GAS RATES )**

**ORDER GRANTING  
WITHDRAWAL**

**NG12-008**

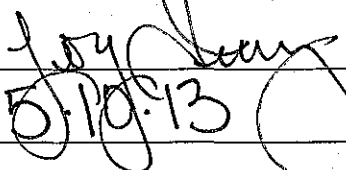
On December 21, 2012, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for approval to increase rates for natural gas service to customers in its South Dakota service territory, consisting of the Black Hills and East River service areas, by approximately \$1.5 million based on MDU's test year ending June 30, 2012. The Application also requests approval to consolidate MDU's Black Hills and East River areas into one rate jurisdiction. The Company states that a typical residential customer in the Black Hills area using 75 dk on an annual basis will see an average increase of approximately \$3.00 per month while a typical residential customer in the East River area using 61 dk on an annual basis will see an average decrease of approximately \$1.10 per month. The proposed changes may potentially affect approximately 47,600 customers in MDU's Black Hills service area and approximately 7,200 customers in MDU's East River service area.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A. On December 27, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 22, 2013, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On January 18, 2013, the Commission issued an Order of Assessment of Filing Fee and Suspension of Imposition of Tariff. On February 19, 2013, Federal Executive Agencies (FEA) filed a Petition to Intervene. On March 6, 2013, the Commission issued an Order Granting Intervention to FEA. On April 19, 2013, the Commission received a Withdrawal from FEA requesting approval for its withdrawal as an intervenor party.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 7, 2013, the Commission considered this matter. Finding FEA's request to withdraw as an intervenor to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Withdrawal. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the withdrawal of FEA as an intervenor is hereby granted.

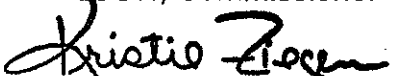
Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

<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, electronically.	
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner