

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

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| <b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )<br/>OF MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., )<br/>A DIVISION OF MDU RESOURCES )<br/>GROUP, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO )<br/>INCREASE ITS NATURAL GAS RATES )</b> | <b>ORDER GRANTING<br/>INTERVENTION<br/><br/>NG15-005</b> |
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On June 30, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for approval to increase rates for natural gas service to customers in its South Dakota service territory by approximately \$1.5 million annually or approximately 3.1% based on MDU's test year ending December 31, 2014. MDU states that a typical residential natural gas customer using 72 dk on an annual basis would see an increase of \$2.21 per month or 4.64%. The proposed changes may potentially affect approximately 57,600 natural gas customers in MDU's South Dakota service territory.

On July 2, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 11, 2015, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings listserv. On July 22, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Assessing Filing Fee and Suspending Operation of Proposed Rates. On July 29, 2015, the Federal Executive Agencies (FEA) filed a Petition to Intervene. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, and ARSD 20:10:13, 20: 10:01: 15.02, 20:10:01:15.03, and 20:10:01:15.05.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 20, 2015, the Commission considered FEA's Petition to Intervene. Finding that FEA's Petition to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention, the Commission voted unanimously to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene of the Federal Executive Agencies is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2015.

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| <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 or by mail. |
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner