

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE )  
APPLICATION OF MONTANA-DAKOTA )  
UTILITIES CO., A DIVISION OF MDU )  
RESOURCES GROUP, INC. FOR )  
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS )  
NATURAL GAS RATES )**

**ORDER APPROVING  
TARIFF REVISIONS**

**NG15-005**

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 percent based on MDU's test year ending December 31, 2014 (Application). MDU states 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 percent. The proposed changes may potentially affect approximately 57,600 natural gas customers in MDU's South Dakota service territory. MDU proposed an effective date of July 1, 2016.

On July 2, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the Application and the intervention deadline of September 11, 2015, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. Two comments were filed.

On July 22, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Assessing Filing Fee and Suspending Operation of Proposed Rates. On August 20, 2015, the Commission granted intervention to the Federal Executive Agencies (FEA). On November 23, 2015, MDU filed a Notice of Intent to Implement Interim Natural Gas Service Rates effective for service on and after January 1, 2016. On May 19, 2016, Commission Staff, MDU, and FEA filed a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and Settlement Stipulation. On May 20, 2016, Commission Staff filed a Memorandum Supporting Settlement Stipulation. On May 27, 2016, MDU filed its Notice to Customer of the Rate Increase. On June 15, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation. On June 27, 2016, MDU filed for approval of tariff sheets that were mistakenly omitted from the settlement stipulation and additional sheets requested by Commission Staff.

The revised tariff sheets proposed by MDU, effective for service rendered on and after July 1, 2016, as filed on June 27, 2016, are as follows:

State of South Dakota Gas Rate Schedule - SDPUC Volume No. 2

Section No. 3

Original Sheet No. 3  
Original Sheet No. 4  
Original Sheet No. 6  
Original Sheet No. 8  
Original Sheet No. 9  
Original Sheet No. 10  
Original Sheet No. 14  
Original Sheet No. 15  
Original Sheet No. 16

Original Sheet No. 18  
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Section No. 5

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Section No. 6

1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 2  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 3  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 4.1  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 5  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 7  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 7.1  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 9  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 13  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 14  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 15

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2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 16  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 18  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 21  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 22  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 24  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 25  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 25.1  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 25.2  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 25.3  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 25.4

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The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A and ARSD 20:10:13.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 5, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions as filed on June 27, 2016, with an effective date of July 1, 2016. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revisions as filed on June 27, 2016, with a July 1, 2016, effective date. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the tariff sheets set forth above are approved for service rendered on and after July 1, 2016.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

<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.	
By:	<u>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date:	<u>July 6, 2016</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner