

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. FOR)
APPROVAL OF ITS REVISED)
CONSERVATION TRACKING ADJUSTMENT)**

**ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS

NG17-002**

On January 30, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for approval of a revised Conservation Tracking Adjustment (CTA), pursuant to the terms of the Company's Conservation Program Tracking Mechanism Rate 90 tariff. The company proposed a CTA rate, applicable to service under Rates 60, 70 and 72, of \$0.028 per dk to be effective March 1, 2017. The proposed CTA rate is an increase of \$0.004 per dk from the currently authorized CTA rate. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

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

Section No. 3

132nd Revised Sheet No. 1
12th Revised Sheet No. 31

Canceling 131st Revised Sheet No. 1
Canceling 11th Revised Sheet No. 31

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 28, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions as filed, effective March 1, 2017.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A. After discussing the matter, the Commission determined that the advertising and administration budget for 2017 should be reduced to \$15,000 based on historic actual spending and that the CTA rate be adjusted to \$0.027 per dk in order to account for the budget reduction. Finding the CTA rate of \$0.027 per dk to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the CTA rate and associated tariff sheet with an effective date of March 1, 2017. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the total advertising and administration budget for 2017 shall be set at \$15,000. It is further

ORDERED, that the Conservation Tracking Adjustment rate of \$0.027 per dk and tariff sheets as set forth above are hereby approved with an effective date of March 1, 2017.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of March, 2017.

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, electronically or by mail.	
By:	<u>Adam deHueck</u>
Date:	<u>3/9/17</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner