

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING</b>
<b>MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. FOR )</b>	<b>TARIFF REVISIONS</b>
<b>APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS )</b>	
<b>REGARDING EXCESS FLOW VALVES FOR )</b>	<b>NG17-008</b>
<b>EXISTING SERVICE LINES )</b>	

On May 18, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s (MDU) filing for approval of tariff revisions to implement cost recovery for installation of an excess flow valve (EFV) on an existing gas line at the customer's request. This EFV installation charge is proposed in order to implement new federal regulations issued by the United States Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). These new regulations mandate that natural gas utilities offer the installation of EFVs to existing residences and small commercial structures served from qualifying distribution systems. The new requirements became effective on April 14, 2017.

The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

Gas Rate Schedule - SDPUC Volume No. 2

Section No.5

4 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.1	Canceling 3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.1
3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.3	Canceling 2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.3
4 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.13	Canceling 3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.13
4 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.14	Canceling 3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.14
4 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.15	Canceling 3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.15
4 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.16	Canceling 3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.16
3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.17	Canceling 2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.17
3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.18	Canceling 2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.18
4 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.19	Canceling 3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1.19

On May 25, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 9, 2017, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On June 12, 2017, MDU responded to Staff's data request.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 5, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions with a July 5, 2017, effective date. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions, effective July 5, 2017. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the above-referenced tariff sheets are approved, effective July 5, 2017.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of July, 2017.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Karen E. Bremer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>7/6/17</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner