

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
SOUTH DAKOTA INTRASTATE PIPELINE)
COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS)
NATURAL GAS RATES)
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)

**ORDER GRANTING
MOTION FOR COMMISSION
REVIEW AND MAKING
APPLICATION PUBLIC**

NG17-009

On June 1, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Company (SDIP) requesting authority to increase its natural gas rates. The filing did not include a proposed rate or any of the supporting documents required by statute and rule. The filing indicated that SDIP would file the applicable required documents no later than June 30, 2017, and requested an effective date of September 1, 2018, for the proposed rate. On June 5, 2017, Commission staff (Staff) filed a letter stating that the filing did not meet the requirements for a rate case and was therefore incomplete and subject to rejection. Additionally, Staff indicated that because the filing was incomplete, it did not comply with the terms of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in NG16-006 and requested guidance from the Commission on how to proceed.

On June 8, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 31, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On June 13, 2017, the Commission issued an Order to Clarify Docket Procedure. On June 22, 2017, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed a Petition to Intervene and on July 6, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Granting Intervention; Order Assessing Filing Fee. On June 29, 2017, SDIP filed a confidential application for authority to increase its natural gas rates (Application).

On July 11, 2017, MDU filed a Motion for Commission Review requesting the Commission strike SDIP's claim of confidentiality made in its Application and open the docket submissions to MDU and the public for review. On July 28, 2017, Staff and SDIP filed responses to MDU's Motion for Commission Review. On July 28, 2017, SDIP filed a redacted public version of its Application.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1, and 49-34A, and ARSD 20:10:01:39 through 20:10:01:43 and 20:10:13.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 1, 2017, the Commission considered the Motion for Commission Review. After considering the arguments of the parties, the Commission voted to grant MDU's Motion for Review and to make the Application public in its entirety (Commissioner Hanson, dissenting). It is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU's Motion for Commission Review is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that all information in the Application shall be made public.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of August, 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>Karen E. Bremer</u>
Date: <u>08/08/17</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

GARY HANSON, Commissioner (dissenting)