

**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 SOUTH)
DAKOTA NATURAL GAS)
CONSERVATION PORTFOLIO PLAN)
FOR 2021-2023)**

**ORDER APPROVING
2021-2023 NATURAL
GAS CONSERVATION
PORTFOLIO

NG20-011**

On October 29, 2020, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for approval of its South Dakota Natural Gas Conservation Portfolio Plan for 2021-2023. MDU proposes some changes to its current offerings to be effective January 1, 2021. In particular, MDU proposes to discontinue the Energy Assessment rebate program and to decrease rebates for new construction high efficiency furnaces. The 2021 budget proposed is a decrease of 34.7% from the current budget for 2020. The proposed 2022 and 2023 budgets reflect a year-over-year increase of 11.1% and 10.1%, respectively.

On November 5, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 20, 2020, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On December 1, 2020, MDU filed its responses to Commission staff's data request. On December 16, 2020, Commission staff filed its Memorandum.

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

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 22, 2020, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of MDU's proposed portfolio of Natural Gas Conservation Programs to be effective for calendar years 2021-2023. Finding MDU's 2021-2023 Natural Gas Conservation Portfolio Plan just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve MDU's 2021-2023 Natural Gas Conservation Portfolio Plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MDU's 2021-2023 Natural Gas Conservation Portfolio Plan is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of December 2020.

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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>12/29/20</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner