

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF THE)
INVESTIGATION OF THE NATURAL GAS)
INCIDENT OF FEBRUARY 20, 2008, ON)
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.'S SYSTEM)
IN PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

PS08-001

On April 3, 2008, Commission Staff requested a formal docket be opened regarding an ongoing investigation into the February 20, 2008, natural gas incident in Pierre, South Dakota. A report, including Staff recommendation regarding whether all pipeline safety rules were properly observed, will be filed for Commission approval at the conclusion of Staff's investigation.

On April 10, 2008, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 25, 2008, to interested individuals and entities. On April 21, 2008, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Company (SDIPC). On April 23, 2008, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU).

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34B and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of May 6, 2008, the Commission considered the Petitions to Intervene. The Commission found that the Petitions to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petitions to Intervene of SDIPC and MDU are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of May, 2008.

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.
By: <u><i>Helaine Kolbo</i></u>
Date: <u>5/9/08</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck

STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

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