

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
February 23, 2016

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
Gas Meter Testing Program Rate 105
Tariff**

Case No. PU-13-585

On July 9, 2013, MDU filed a proposed Gas Meter Testing Program Rate 105 tariff. MDU's is modifying its current testing protocol and is enumerating the modified protocol as a tariff.

Modifications to the current testing protocol include:

- Active gas meters with ratings greater than or equal to 630 cubic feet per hour, and up to 650 cubic feet per hour, will be randomly tested rather than tested once every eight years..
- Montana, South Dakota, Wyoming and North Dakota gas meters would be consolidated into a company-wide meter testing program
- The meter test year would be changed from April 1-March 31 to July 1-June 30. With the annual report to the Commission filed by December 1.
- Currently, gas meters are not included in the meter test program until 8 years after initial installation. That would be extended to 10 years. .
- Gas meters that may be removed during a customer premises service visit would be tested and counted as part of the sample size for random testing.

I recommend that the Commission approve the tariff.

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