

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

Before the Public Service Commission of North Dakota

Case No. PU-16-_____

Direct Testimony
of
Stephanie Bosch

1 **Q. Would you please state your name and business address?**

2 A. My name is Stephanie Bosch and my business address is 400
3 North Fourth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501.

4 **Q. What is your position with Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.?**

5 A. I am a Regulatory Affairs Manager for Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
6 (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

7 **Q. Would you please describe your duties as Regulatory Affairs
8 Manager?**

9 A. I am responsible for the proper application of the Company's gas
10 and electric rates in the Customer Care and Billing System (CC&B), the
11 application of tariffs and the preparation of miscellaneous rate filings.

12 **Q. Would you please describe your education and professional
13 background?**

14 A. I graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1995 with a
15 Bachelor of Business and Public Administration degree in Banking and
16 Financial Economics. I joined Montana-Dakota in June 1997 as a Rate
17 Clerk in the Regulatory Affairs area and realized positions of increasing
18 responsibility within the Regulatory Affairs Department until 2011 when I

1 left the Company. In 2013 I returned to the Company as a Regulatory
2 Analyst before attaining my current position in August of 2015.

3 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

4 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present the proposed rate
5 schedules appended to the Application in this proceeding as well as
6 discuss changes in tariff conditions.

7 **Q. What statements and exhibits are you sponsoring in this
8 proceeding?**

9 A. I am sponsoring the proposed rate schedules provided in Appendix
10 B to the Application, with the exception of the rate schedule sponsored by
11 Mr. Jacobson.

12 I am also sponsoring the proposed interim rate schedules provided
13 in Appendix C to the Interim Application.

14 **Q. Would you briefly describe the changes made to the Company's
15 electric tariffs?**

16 A. Yes. The Company is proposing the following changes to the
17 electric tariffs as clearly identified in the legislative copy of the tariffs
18 provided in Appendix B of the Application:

- 19 • The rates described by Ms. Aberle have been incorporated into the
20 proposed tariffs.
- 21 • Remove the contract discount provision available under Outdoor
22 Lighting Service Rate 52. Customers taking service under Rate 52
23 are not subject to a contract of any length and therefore the

1 available discount is not applicable and should be removed from
2 the tariff. Currently no Rate 52 customers are receiving a discount
3 under this provision.

- 4 • Clarify the definition of unpaid balance included in the Late
5 Payment provision outlined in Rate 100, Section 3, Paragraph 3 on
6 Sheet No. 49.4.
- 7 • Increase the returned check charge to \$40.
- 8 • Introduce a reconnect fee rate differential for demand and non-
9 demand metered services. Currently the Company charges \$20.00
10 for the reconnection of service during normal business hours for
11 seasonal or temporary customers as outlined in Section III,
12 Paragraph 7, on Sheet No. 49.5, of the Company's Conditions of
13 Service Rate 100. The Company is proposing to continue to
14 charge this \$20.00 reconnection fee for non-demand metered
15 services and to increase the reconnection fee to \$40.00 for
16 seasonal or temporary demand metered services. The fee
17 differential and increase is to recognize the increase in time
18 necessary to reconnect a demand metered customer.
- 19 • Add language to the Liability provision of the Company's Electric
20 Service Rules and Regulations Rate 110, Paragraph 104.2, on
21 Sheet No. 58.7, Customer's Equipment, to state that is the
22 customer's obligation to consult with the Company regarding fault
23 current and protection devices.

1 • Modifications to Section 600 – Metering of the Company’s Electric
2 Service Rules and Regulations Rate 110 on Sheet Nos. 58.20

3 through 58.22 to state:

4 ○ Only Company-owned or Company-approved devices shall
5 be placed into meter sockets

6 ○ All meters will be placed outdoors unless approved by
7 Company. After consultation with the Company and in the
8 event the customer chooses to proceed with an indoor meter
9 installation where the location renders the automatic meter
10 reading equipment ineffective, customer will be responsible
11 for any costs associated with remedying the situation prior to
12 installation.

13 ○ Other miscellaneous modifications to better explain metering
14 requirements.

15 **Q. Is the Company proposing any changes to the Generation Resource**
16 **Recovery Rider Rate 56 tariff?**

17 A. Yes. As noted in the direct testimony of Ms. Aberle, Montana-
18 Dakota is proposing to set the GRRR rates to \$0.00 upon implementation
19 of final rates. The Company will maintain the tariff as an available cost
20 recovery rate going forward in the event future projects qualify under the
21 applicability provision of the tariff.

1 The Company is also proposing to modify the class allocator under
2 Rate 56 to be consistent with the allocation of demand costs in the class
3 cost of service study, Factor 2 (12 CP Allocator).

4 **Q. Is the Company proposing any changes to the Environmental Cost
5 Recovery Rider Rate 57 tariff?**

6 A. Yes. As noted in the direct testimony of Ms. Aberle, Montana-
7 Dakota is proposing to set the ECRR rates to \$0.00 upon implementation
8 of final rates. The Company will maintain the tariff as an available cost
9 recovery rate going forward in the event future projects qualify under the
10 applicability provision of the tariff.

11 The Company is also proposing to modify the class allocator under
12 Rate 57 to be consistent with the allocation of demand costs in the class
13 cost of service study, Factor 2 (12 CP Allocator).

14 **Q. Is the Company proposing any changes to the Transmission Cost
15 Adjustment Rate 59 tariff?**

16 A. Yes. The Company is proposing the following changes to Rate 59:
17 • The Company is also proposing to modify the class allocator under
18 Rate 59 to be consistent with the allocation of transmission costs in
19 the class cost of service study, Factor 2 (12 CP Allocator)
20 • Currently Small Municipal Electric Service Rate 40 customers are
21 billed the large TCA rate. The Company is proposing to bill Rate 40
22 customers the Small General TCA rate effective with final rates in
23 this case. Similar size customers not eligible for service under Rate

1 40 would qualify for service under the Company's Small General
2 Electric Service Rate 20 and therefore would be billed the Small
3 General TCA rate. For consistency, Rate 40 customers should also
4 be billed the Small General TCA rate.

5 The above noted changes, along with the transmission revenue
6 requirement as described in the direct testimony of Mr. Jacobson and
7 the proposed rates calculated by Ms. Aberle, are reflected in the
8 proposed TCA rates presented in Appendix B of this Application.

9 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

10 A. Yes.