

Memorandum

To: Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary

From: Victor Schock, Advocacy Staff

Date: July 18, 2017 VS

RE: Response to MDU's Compliance Filing
Case No. PU-16-666

On June 26, 2017 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed electric service tariffs and supporting work papers in compliance with the commission's Order dated June 16 2017. On July 14, 2017 MDU filed revised electric service tariffs to update several tariff sheets per Advocacy Staff's (Staff) request. Staff has reviewed the filings to ensure that the new tariffs will increase revenues by \$7.5 million as ordered by the commission and that changes in the tariff language are reasonable and appropriate. Staff believes that MDU's filing complies with the commission's Order and recommends approval of the tariffs on the July 26, 2017 agenda with final rates to be effective August 7th, 2017.

On July 14, 2017 MDU filed a proposed Interim Rate Refund Plan in compliance with the commission's Order dated June 16, 2017. Staff has reviewed the filing and believes it complies with the terms of the Settlement Agreement and the Commission's Order. Staff recommends approval of the proposed Interim Rate Refund Plan on the July 26, 2017 agenda with the final customer refund amounts to be calculated using the amounts collected through actual date the Interim Rate is stopped and final rates begin.

cc: Tamie Aberle