



UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Case No. PU-16-666  
Electric Rate Increase  
Compliance – Update on Discounted Rate  
Contracts

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith submits this update to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) regarding the Company's electric discounted rate contracts. On September 27, 2017 and December 1, 2017, Montana-Dakota filed updates with the Commission on the Company's discounted rate contracts in compliance with the Settlement Agreement between Montana-Dakota, the Advocacy Staff of the Commission, and the AARP and approved by the Commission on June 16, 2017. The updates have provided the Commission with a brief history and current status on the four contracted rate agreements under review. The Company noted in its last update it expected new or amended agreements to be filed no later than March 15, 2018.

On March 9, 2018, Montana-Dakota filed an application with the Commission to implement the effects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 on the Company's current electric rates in Case No. PU-18-089. To properly account for this recent filing on the contract rates being reviewed and the new agreements under consideration, additional time is necessary for the filing of amended or new agreements. The Company's expectation is now to file new or amended agreements sixty days after implementation of new electric rates in Case No. PU-18-089.

Please contact me at 701.222.7856 if you have any questions regarding this update regarding contract rates.

Please acknowledge receipt by stamping or initialing the duplicate copy of this letter attached hereto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads 'Tamie A. Aberle'.

Tamie A. Aberle  
Director of Regulatory Affairs