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

Re: Case No. PU-17-____
Company's Request to Waive the
Annual Update to the Environmental
Cost Recovery Rider Rate 57

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith requests Commission approval to deviate from its Environmental Cost Recovery Rider (ECRR) Rate 57 tariff and, in lieu of updating the ECRR rates to reflect the projected costs associated with the environmental projects through 2018 per the provisions of Paragraph 2(c) of its Rate 57 tariff, continue to assess the currently authorized rates included on Rate 57 4th Revised Sheet No. 41.1 until implementation of final rates in Case No. PU-16-666 filed on October 14, 2016.

As part of the electric rate case, Montana-Dakota proposed to include the project costs associated with the Air Quality Control System (AQCS) at the Company's Big Stone Generating Station and the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) project at the Company's Lewis & Clark Generating Station in the Company's rate base and cease collection of these costs under the Rate 57 tariff. The Company therefore believes it a prudent practice to waive the annual update of these costs under the Rate 57 tariff at this time and to continue to assess the currently authorized rates until implementation of final rates in Case No. PU-16-666.

Please refer all inquiries regarding this filing to:

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Montana-Dakota respectfully requests that this filing be accepted as being in full compliance with the filing requirements of this Commission.

Please acknowledge receipt by stamping or initialing the duplicate copy of this letter attached hereto and returning the same in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely,



Tamie A. Aberle
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

cc: Karl Liepitz
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