

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
2017 Natural Gas Rate Increase  
Application**

**Case No. PU-17-295**

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND REGULAR MAIL**

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **28th day of February, 2018**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Order on Interim Rates**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Karl Liepitz  
Assistant General Counsel  
MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
PO Box 5650  
Bismarck, ND 58505-5650  
**Cert. No. 7017 2400 0001 0889 8805**

**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** further deposes and says that on the **28th day of February, 2018**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **nine** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Paul Sanderson  
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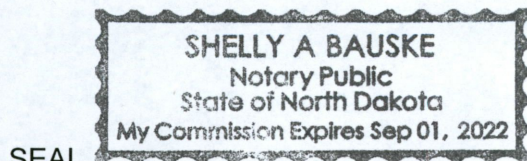
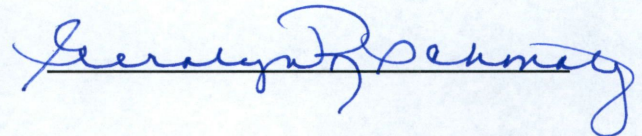
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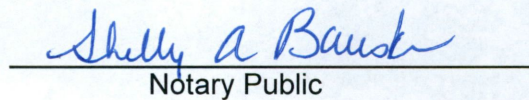
John B. Coffman  
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871 Tuxedo Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63119-2044

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **28th day of February, 2018.**



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Notary Public

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ORDER ON INTERIM RATES

February 27, 2018

On July 21, 2017, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources (MDU) filed with the Commission to increase its rates for natural gas service. Based on a projected 2018 test year MDU requested an increase in annual revenue collections of \$5.9 million, or 5.4 percent. MDU also applied for an interim rate increase at the same time.

On August 16, 2017, the Commission suspended the rates.

On August 29, 2017, Commission Advocacy Staff filed a response to the interim rate request recommending approval.

On September 6, 2017, the Commission approved an interim increase in annual revenues of \$4.6 million, or 4.2 percent. When applied to the non-fuel portion of the bill, the effective interim increase to customers is 12.486 percent.

On February 14, 2018, MDU filed a petition to reduce interim rates to conform to the federal Tax Cut & Jobs Act, which reduced the federal corporate income tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent for the top bracket. MDU proposes to reduce the interim increase in annual revenue from \$4.6 million to 2.7 million: a reduction of approximately \$1.8 million. When applied to the non-fuel portion of the bill, the effective interim increase to customers will be reduced from 12.486 percent to 7.357 percent.

Order

The Commission orders Montana-Dakota Utilities' request to decrease interim rates APPROVED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Brian Kroshus  
Commissioner



Randy Christmann  
Chairman



Julie Fedorchak  
Commissioner