


Memorandum

To: Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary

From: Victor Schock, Advocacy Staff 

Date: November 9, 2018

RE: Response to MDU's Compliance Filing
Case No. PU-17-295

On October 5, 2018 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed natural gas tariffs, rates, and supporting work papers in compliance with the commission's Order dated September 26, 2018. Staff has reviewed the filing to ensure that the new tariffs and rates will increase revenues by \$2.5 million in compliance with the settlement agreement and commission order, 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 and rates with an effective date of December 1, 2018.

In addition, MDU submitted a proposed Interim Rate Refund Plan for approval in compliance with the commissions September 26, 2018 Order. Staff has reviewed the plan and believes it complies with the terms of the settlement agreement and the commission's order. Staff recommends approval of the refund plan, with the final refund amounts to be calculated using the amount collected through the final date of interim rates and refunds to be issued by March 1, 2019.

Attached is a proposed Motion to approve the tariffs and refund plan.

cc: Tamie Aberle

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

M O T I O N

November 20, 2018

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

Case No. PU-17-295

I move the Commission approve the tariffs and rates filed October 5, 2018 to comply with the Commission's September 26, 2018 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, and require rates be effective for service rendered on or after December 1, 2018.

I further move the Commission approve the Interim Rate Refund Plan filed October 5, 2018 to comply with the with the Commission's September 26, 2018 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, require refunds to be issued by March 1, 2019, and require that an interim refund compliance report be filed within 30 days after completion of the refunds in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., 2017 Natural Gas Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-17-295.