

Memorandum

To: Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary

From: Victor Schock, Advocacy Staff

VS

Date: November 9, 2018

RE: Response to MDU's Compliance Filing
Case No. PU-18-89

On October 10, 2018 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed electric rates, and supporting work papers in compliance with the commission's Order on Settlement dated September 26, 2018. Staff has reviewed the filing to ensure that the new tariffs and rates will decrease revenues by \$8.837 million in compliance with the settlement agreement and commission order. Staff believes that MDU's filing complies with the commission's Order and recommends approval of the rates with an effective date of December 1, 2018.

In addition, MDU submitted a proposed Tax Refund Plan for approval in compliance with the commissions September 26, 2018 Order on Settlement. 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 15, 2019.

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

cc: Tamie Aberle

**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.
Tax Reform Effects
Rates**

Case No. PU-18-89

I move the Commission approve the rates filed October 10, 2018 to comply with the Commission's September 26, 2018 Order on Settlement, and require rates be effective for service rendered on or after December 1, 2018.

I further move the Commission approve the Tax Refund Plan filed October 10, 2018 to comply with the with the Commission's September 26, 2018 Order on Settlement, require refunds to be issued by March 15, 2019, and require that a tax 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., Tax Reform Effects, Case No. PU-18-89.