

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of
MDU Resources Group, Inc.
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
Tariff and Rates**

Case No. PU-18-379

ORDER

February 26, 2019

On November 1, 2018, in Case No. PU-18-379, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU) filed for approval of an annual rate update to its Transmission Cost Adjustment (TCA) Rate 59.

On November 20, 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing that provided until January 23, 2019 for receiving written comments and hearing requests on the application. No response was received.

The notice identified the issues to be considered are:

1. Are the proposed tariff revisions just and reasonable?
2. Do the proposed rates comply with the tariff?
3. Are the proposed rates just and reasonable?

Also on November 20, 2018, MDU filed clarifying tariff language regarding the applicability of rate riders to contracted rate customers

On February 13, 2019, the Commission discussed this matter with MDU during an Informal Hearing.

Discussion

The rate changes to the TCA filed in Case No. PU-18-379 includes updated expenses and a true-up amount related to electric transmission services

MDU states the effect on a typical bill of the rate change proposed to the TCA, for a residential customer without electric space heating using 894 kWh per month would be a decrease of \$0.69 per month, based on the following proposed TCA rates:

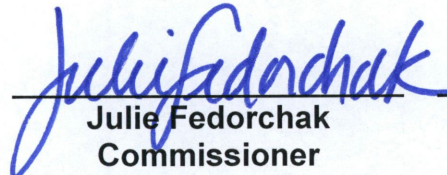
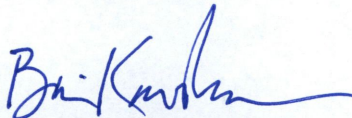
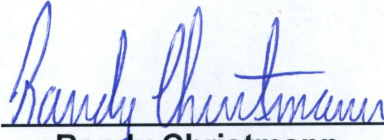
<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Existing Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	<u>Change</u>
Residential & Small General	\$0.00523/kWh	\$0.00446/kWh	(\$0.00077) /kWh
Large General	\$0.00444/kWh	\$0.00372/kWh	(\$0.00072) /kWh
Lighting	\$0.00204/kWh	\$0.00209/kWh	\$0.00005 /kWh

The Commission finds the revised tariff language and the proposed rate changes reasonable and appropriate.

Order

The Commission Orders the proposed revisions to MDU's electric tariff are APPROVED.

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Julie Fedorchak Commissioner	Brian Kroshus Chairman	Randy Christmann Commissioner