

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

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,  
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
Electric Service Agreement – American Colloid Co.  
Approval**

**Case No. PU-18-433**

**ORDER**

**January 22, 2020**

**Preliminary Statement**

On December 28, 2018, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU) filed for Commission approval of a negotiated Amendment Number 1 to its service agreement with American Colloid Company (ACC) for interruptible industrial electric service at ACC's Gascoyne, North Dakota facility.

On October 22, 2019, the Commission held an informal hearing. During the hearing, Advocacy Staff (Staff) voiced opposition to the seven year transition contained in the amendment to the normally applicable Interruptible Large Power Demand Response Rate 38.

On November 15, 2019, MDU filed a Restated Amendment Number 1 to the service agreement between MDU and ACC. The restated amendment lays out a three year transition to rate 38. Staff recommended the restated amendment be approved.

On December 3, 2019, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing that provided until January 10, 2020 for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received. The Notice identified the issue to be considered in this matter is whether the restated electric service agreement is just and reasonable and should be approved.

**Discussion**

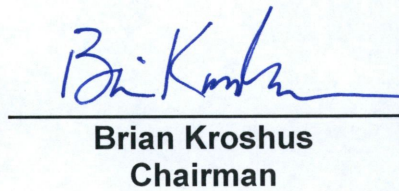
Restated Amendment Number 1 provides for a three-year transitional sale of interruptible electric power to ACC at its Gascoyne ND facility at rates other than the otherwise applicable Interruptible Large Power Demand Response Rate 38. Having considered this matter the Commission finds the restated electric service agreement is just and reasonable and should be approved.

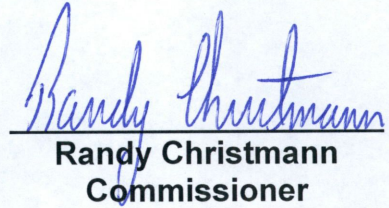
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The Commission Orders Restated Amendment No. 1 to the Electric Service Agreement between American Colloid Company and MDU is APPROVED.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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