

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
Electric Service Agreement – Sabin Metals West Corp  
Approval**

**Case No. PU-18-435**

**ORDER**

**July 25, 2019**

**Preliminary Statement**

On December 28, 2018, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU) filed Amendment No. 2 to the Electric Service Agreement between Sabin Metals West Corporation (Sabin Metals) and MDU.

On February 12, 2019, MDU filed a revision to Amendment No. 2 rates set forth in Exhibit A1 to Amendment No. 2.

On May 7, 2019, MDU filed a Settlement Agreement negotiated with Public Service Commission Advocacy Staff, intended to resolve all outstanding issues between the settling parties in this case.

On June 12, 2019, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing that provided until July 22, 2019 for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received.

On July 10, 2019, the Commission discussed this matter with MDU, Commission Staff and Sabin Metals during an Informal Hearing.

**Discussion**

Amendment No. 2 provides for continued sale of all firm electric power required by Sabin Metals at a rate other than the applicable General Electric Service Rate 30. Under the Settlement Agreement MDU will charge Amendment No. 2 rates to Sabin Metals until MDU's next general rate case when a new study of costs to serve Sabin Metals will be completed. The Commission's Notice of Opportunity for Hearing identified the issue to be considered is whether the Settlement Agreement is just and reasonable and should be approved.

Having considered this matter, the Commission finds the Settlement Agreement is just and reasonable and should be approved. Therefore, the Commission issues its:

**Order**

The Commission Orders:

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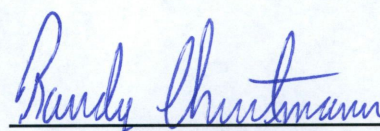
1. The Settlement Agreement between Commission Staff and MDU filed on May 7, 2019 is approved.

2. Amendment No. 2 to the Electric Service Agreement between Sabin Metals West Corporation and MDU is approved.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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