

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

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.**  
**Transmission Facility Cost Recovery**  
**Rates**

**Case No. PU-19-285**

**ORDER**

**October 22, 2019**

**Preliminary Statement**

On July 19, 2019, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed a change to its Transmission Cost Adjustment (TCA) rates to reflect updated electric transmission revenues and costs under tariff Rate 59.

On August 21, 2019, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until September 30, 2019 for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received. The notice identified the following issues to be considered:

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

**Discussion**

MDU requests updated TCA rates to reflect projected revenue requirements associated with six new transmission projects along with projected costs and revenues of transmission services provided by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator and the Southwest Power Pool. For residential customers the rate change requested is an increase of \$0.00028 per kWh. The billing effect for a residential customer using 894 kWh per month is an increase of \$0.25 per month.

Having considered this matter the Commission finds the proposed rates are just and reasonable and comply with MDU's tariff.

Therefore, the Commission issues its:

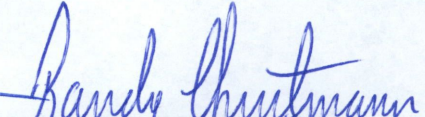
**Order**

The Commission Orders MDU's proposed TCA rates are APPROVED.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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