

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Electric Service Agreement - ND OMB
Approval**

Case No. PU-19-332

ORDER

December 18, 2019

Preliminary Statement

On October 1, 2019, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed an Interruptible Electric Service Agreement (Agreement) between State of North Dakota, Office of Management and Budget (ND OMB) and MDU.

On October 22, 2019, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing that provided until December 3, 2019 for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received.

On October 22, 2019, the Commission discussed this matter with MDU, Commission Staff and ND OMB during an Informal Hearing.

On November 21, 2019, MDU filed a letter requesting a January 1, 2020 effective date for the Agreement.

Discussion

The Agreement provides that the State Capitol would continue to take electric service from MDU under its Interruptible Large Power Demand Response Rate 38 at the tariffed rate with a Basic Service Charge of \$100 per month. MDU would continue to purchase the installed generating capacity of the State Capitol's generator for a monthly billing credit of \$3.00 per KW of accredited capacity. MDU would also continue to purchase any excess energy generated by the Capitol during service interruptions.

As discussed at the Informal Hearing, MDU will charge the electric rates in the Agreement until MDU's next general rate case when a new study of costs to serve the State Capitol will be completed.

The Commission's Notice of Opportunity for Hearing identified the issue to be considered is whether the electric service agreement should be approved.


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

Order

The Commission Orders:

1. The Interruptible Electric Service Agreement between State of North Dakota, Office of Management and Budget and MDU filed on October 1, 2019 is approved effective January 1, 2020.
2. MDU will charge the electric rates in the Agreement until MDU's next general rate case when a new study of costs to serve the State Capitol will be completed.

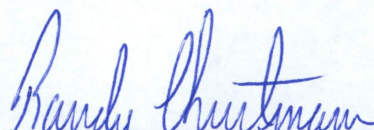
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