

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Case No. PU-19-332

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Geralyn R. Schmaltz deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **19th day of December 2019** she deposited in the United States Mail at Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Order**

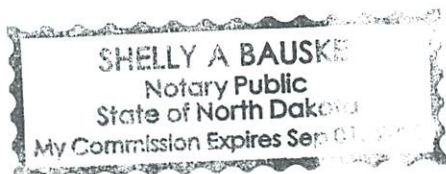
The envelopes were addressed as follows:

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Director of Regulatory Affairs
Montana-Utilities Co.
400 N 4th Street
Bismarck, ND 58501
Cert. No. 7018 0680 0001 3737 7332

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **19th day of December 2019**.



Geralyn R. Schmaltz

Shelly A Bauske

Notary Public

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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.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

 Julie Fedorchak Commissioner	 Brian Kroshus Chairman	 Randy Christmann Commissioner
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