

# Memorandum

To: Commissioners Kroshus, Fedorchak and Christmann

From: Victor Schock Public Utility Analyst 

Date: September 10, 2020

Re: Montana-Dakota Utilities, Firm General Contracted Demand Service, Tariff  
Case No. PU-20-335

On July 6, 2020 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed an application for approval of modifications to its Firm General Contracted Demand Service Rate 74 and General Provisions Rate 100 Tariffs. The Tariff modifications are intended to clarify contract requirements for Rate 74 and the applicability of the Reservation Charge Rate 75 for seasonal customers.

On July 23, 2020 the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for hearing providing until September 6, 2020 for comments or requests for hearing. As of September 10, 2020 no comments or requests for hearing were received. The notice identified the following issues to be considered in this proceeding:

1. Are the proposed changes reasonable?
2. Is there other relevant information the Commission should consider?

Staff has reviewed the filing and proposed tariff changes. While there are 23 tariff pages impacted by the proposed changes, there are really only two actual tariff language changes. The first is a clarification to Firm General Contracted Demand Service Rate 74 where customers whom are required to take service from rate 74 do not need to sign a contract. Conversely, if a customer is not required to take service from rate 74, but would like to do so, they must sign a contract. The second is a change to General Provisions Rate 100. This change specifies that customers subject to a reconnection fee for seasonal or temporary use who are also subject to the Gwinner Pipeline Capacity Reservation Charge Rate 75, would be subject to rate 75 in addition to the basic service charge for the period service was disconnected. The other changes to the tariff pages are updates to the page numbers and dates and are a follow on impact of the other proposed changes.

Based on its investigation staff believes the proposed tariff changes are reasonable and should be approved.

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