

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Application of)
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. for)
Authority to Establish Increased Rates) Case No. PU-20-____
for Natural Gas Service)

APPLICATION AND NOTICE FOR
INTERIM INCREASE IN NATURAL GAS RATES

Pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-05-06(2), Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

(Montana-Dakota) respectfully moves that the North Dakota Public Service

Commission (Commission) authorize, on an interim basis, rate relief of

\$6,893,176 to be effective January 1, 2021.

I.

Montana-Dakota is entitled to interim rate relief as more fully set forth in

the Application and Notice, Testimony and Exhibits, and supporting Statements

filed in this Case.

II.

The following rate schedules set forth in Appendix A hereto are proposed on an interim basis to take effect on January 1, 2021:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. - Interim Tariffs

Volume 7	Description	Rate
13 th Revised Sheet No. 4	Residential Gas Service	60
11 th Revised Sheet No. 7	Air Force	64
13 th Revised Sheet No. 13	Firm General Gas Service	70
13 th Revised Sheet No. 14	Small Interruptible General Gas Service	71
14 th Revised Sheet No. 15	Optional Seasonal General Gas Service	72
1 st Revised Sheet No. 16	Firm General Contracted Demand Service	74
12 th Revised Sheet No. 24.1	Transportation Service Rates	81 & 82
10 th Revised Sheet No. 27	Large Interruptible General Gas Service	85
13 th Revised Sheet No. 32	Residential Propane Service	90
13 th Revised Sheet No. 34	Firm General Propane Service	92

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Volume 2	Description	Rate
4 th Revised Sheet No. 2	Firm Gas Service – General	65
4 th Revised Sheet No. 3	Interruptible Gas Service - General	71
3 rd Revised Sheet No. 5-5.7	Interruptible Transportation Service	80

The Rate Summary Sheet will be submitted in compliance with the Commission's authorization of the requested interim increase.

III.

The requested interim relief as shown in Appendix B is computed pursuant to the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code, Sections 49-05-04 through 49-05-06 and is in full compliance therewith. Montana-Dakota recognizes that N.D.C.C. § 49-05-06(2) would allow the Company to request interim rates to go into effect sixty days after its rate increase filing application. However, in light of the current pandemic and the economic effect it has on customers, the Company hereby waives its statutory right to recover interim rates within sixty days, and instead requests that interim rates take effect beginning January 1, 2021.

IV.

The requested interim rate relief is calculated based upon the adjustments and methodologies contained in the Company's last North Dakota natural gas case (Case No. PU-17-295).

V.

The tariff sheets provided in Appendix A designate that the amounts billed for the Basic Service Charge and the Distribution Delivery Charge under all rate schedules, except service provided under a negotiated contract, are subject to an interim increase of 17.116 percent. This represents the percentage increase in distribution revenues, excluding the negotiated contracts, based on the amount of revenue to be collected on an interim basis. The Cost of Gas will not be subject to the interim increase. The amount billed will be shown as a separate line item on a customer's bill. The workpapers supporting the interim increase are provided in Appendix C.

Montana-Dakota respectfully requests that the North Dakota Public Service Commission grant interim rate relief in the amount of \$6,893,176 by authorizing the schedule of charges attached hereto as Appendix A, to become effective January 1, 2021.

Dated this 26th day of August 2020.

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.

By:  _____

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