

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

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

**Case No. PU-21-335**

**ORDER**

**September 22, 2021**

**Preliminary Statement**

On July 15, 2021, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed a change to its Transmission Cost Adjustment (TCA) rates to reflect updated electric transmission revenues and costs.

On August 4, 2021, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until September 17, 2021, for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No comments or requests for hearing were received. The notice provided that, if deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

The Notice identified the issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Do the investments and associated costs for the new or modified electric transmission facilities qualify for recovery?
2. Do the proposed rates comply with the tariff?
3. Are the proposed rates just and reasonable?

**Discussion**

MDU's proposed rate to be effective for bills rendered on and after November 1, 2021, includes the costs for twelve existing and three new transmission projects, updated electric transmission expenses with offsetting revenues, and a true-up amount from the current rate. The decrease for a residential customer using 894 kWh per month would be \$0.03 per month.

The proposed rates are as follows:

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Existing Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	<u>Change</u>
Residential & Small General	\$0.00804	\$0.00801	(\$0.00003)
Large General & Contracts	\$0.00642	\$0.00636	(\$0.00006)
Lighting	\$0.00306	\$0.00360	\$0.00054

The proposed rate adjustment complies with MDU's tariff.

The incurred costs for new or modified electric transmission facilities are reasonable and prudent.

The incurred costs are eligible for recovery through the TCA.

### Order

The Commission Orders MDU's 2021 TCA rate is approved effective November 1, 2021.

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