

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery  
Rates

Case No. PU-22-323

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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 **6th day of October 2022** 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**

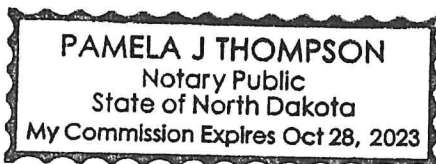
The envelopes were addressed as follows:

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **6th day of October 2022**.



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A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Pamela J Thompson", written over a horizontal line. Below the signature, the words "Notary Public" are printed.

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**October 5, 2022**

**Preliminary Statement**

On July 15, 2022, 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 17, 2022, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until September 28, 2022, 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, 2022, includes the costs for eleven existing and one new transmission project, 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 \$0.87 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	\$0.00801	\$0.00704	(\$0.00097)
Large General & Contracts	\$0.00636	\$0.00562	(\$0.00074)
Lighting	\$0.00360	\$0.00351	(\$0.00009)

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 2022 TCA rate is approved effective November 1, 2022.

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