

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
High Density Contracted Demand Response
Tariff and Rates**

Case No. PU-22-337

ORDER

October 27, 2022

Preliminary Statement

On August 1, 2022, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed an application to implement a High Density Contracted Demand Response Tariff.

On August 17, 2022, the Commission suspended the tariff and rates and issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (Notice) providing until September 30, 2022, to receive comments or requests for hearing. No comments or requests for hearing were received.

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

1. Are the proposed tariff revisions just and reasonable?
2. Is MDU's proposed rate schedule designed in such a manner that it results in a basis of charge to its customers that is just and reasonable without undue discrimination?
3. Other relevant information or proposals concerning the proceeding.

The Notice stated that, if deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

On October 5, 2022, the Commission held an Informal Hearing to discuss the application with MDU.

Discussion

The proposed tariff establishes a procedure for calculating a rate, which MDU can offer to eligible customers in cases where the customer has demonstrated it is seeking rate offers from various utilities.

Eligible customers are:

- Customers with expected metered demand of at least 10,000 kW at a single metering point.
- Customers with an expected minimum load factor of 85%.
- Customers who may be interrupted up to 200 hours per year.

Any electric service agreement (ESA) under this tariff must have a minimum term of three years but may not exceed five years.

MDU will create an individualized pricing structure for each ESA under this tariff that will recover the incremental costs of providing service to that customer.

The proposed tariff provides that the commission must approve the specific ESA offered to any customer.

The Commission has reviewed the documents and evidence in this proceeding and finds that the proposed tariff is just and reasonable and finds the basis of charge to its customers is just and reasonable without undue discrimination.

Order

The Commission Orders Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s High Density Contracted Demand Response Tariff is APPROVED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


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