

Memorandum

To: Executive Secretary

From: Chris Hanson, Advocacy Staff
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Date: July 21, 2023

RE: Response to Compliance Filing
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Electric Service Agreement – Applied Blockchain
Approval
Case No. PU-22-371

On June 6, 2023, the Commission issued an Order approving an Electric Service Agreement between Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) and Applied Blockchain.

On July 17, 2023, MDU filed a tariff change to the Fuel and Purchase Power Adjustment in compliance with the commission's June 6, 2023, Order. The filing planned an effective date of November 1, 2023, for the tariff change.

Staff has reviewed the filing to ensure that the tariff change will be in compliance with the settlement agreement and Commission Order, and that changes in the tariff language are reasonable and appropriate. Staff notes the Rate 58 Tariff Revision (Tariff) was not filed within thirty (30) days of the Commission Order as required. Additionally, Section 3(c) of the Tariff excludes all customers served under Rate 45, whereas the Order pertained specifically to APLD-ELN-01 LLC (Applied). However, at the present time Applied is the only customer utilizing Rate 45 and thus the difference has no impact at this time.

Staff believes MDU's filing complies in all other ways with the Commission's Order and settlement agreement and are reasonable and appropriate.

cc: Travis R. Jacobson