

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Fuel Clause Adjustment Waiver
Approval

Case No. PU-23-330

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COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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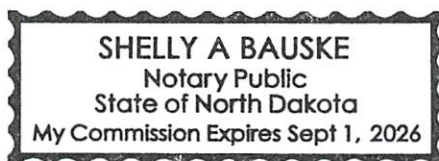

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The envelope was addressed as follows:

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Director of Regulatory Affairs
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
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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 **25th day of October 2023**.



Notary Public

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October 24, 2023

Preliminary Statement

On October 20, 2023, the Commission received a request from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) for a temporary waiver from its Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment – Rate 58 (Rate 58) tariff provision which requires MDU to file a rate adjustment when the amount of the change in such adjustment is at least 0.001 cents per kilowatt hour (Kwh).

Discussion

MDU's waiver request is the result of significant excess power costs it has experienced in the months of August, September, and October. In the absence of a waiver, MDU's Rate 58 would increase from the October 2023 rate of \$0.02886 per Kwh to \$0.042 per Kwh for secondary service. MDU's proposal would forego the Rate 58 adjustment necessitated by the tariff for the period of November 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024. This would allow MDU to recover the excess power costs in its annual true up effective April 1, 2024. This annual true up is collected over a 12-month period, thereby reducing the overall rate impact.

Pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 49-05-05, no tariff change can be made without a notice of at least thirty days to the Commission. The Commission may allow changes upon less than thirty days' notice if good cause is shown.

The Commission finds that granting the waiver is in the public interest as it will mitigate the rate impact to MDU customers. However, the Commission believes that the under collected balance should be monitored by MDU and Staff monthly to ensure the excess power costs do not continue throughout the upcoming heating season.

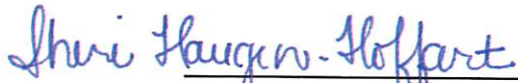
The Commission finds good cause to allow the temporary tariff waiver upon less than thirty days' notice.

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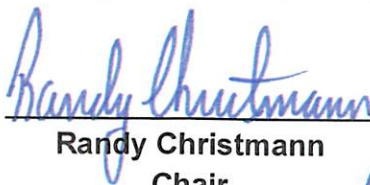
The Commission Orders:

1. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s request for a temporary waiver from its Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment tariff is granted until March 31, 2024.
2. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. shall file in this docket a monthly update of the under collected balance.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Sheri Haugen-Hoffart
Commissioner



Randy Christmann
Chair



Julie Fedorchak
Commissioner