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Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Interim Rate Refund Compliance Filing
Case No. PU-23-341

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota or Company) herewith submits an original and seven (7) copies of its Interim Rate Refund Compliance Filing in the above referenced case.

On January 1, 2024, Montana-Dakota implemented a natural gas interim rate increase of \$10,094,595 on an annual basis as authorized by the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) on December 13, 2023. On December 1, 2024, Montana-Dakota implemented new natural gas service rates reflecting a final overall increase in revenues of \$9,443,883, amounting to \$650,712 or 6.446 percent of the interim implemented to be refunded to customers.

Pursuant to the Company's Interim Refund Plan approved by the Commission on December 18, 2024, Montana-Dakota was to refund the difference to customers within 90 days following the implementation of final rates or no later than March 1, 2025.

As shown on Attachment A, page 1, the Company collected total interim revenues of \$9,009,938 through January 31, 2025. Applying the percent refundable of 6.446 percent to the interim revenue collected results in \$580,781 to be refunded to gas customers in North Dakota. The calculation of the final refund factor of 6.623 percent, including interest, is shown on Attachment A, page 1. The final amount to be refunded to customers, based on the final refund factor, is \$596,747.

On February 25, 2025, a total of \$583,125 was credited to active customer accounts and checks issued if a customer account was no longer active and the refund was \$5.00 or greater in accordance with the Gas Interim Refund Plan approved. The remaining balance of \$13,622 is the amount associated with inactive customer accounts where the refund was less than \$5.00 and the difference due to rounding. This un-refunded balance will be credited to the Unrecovered Purchased Gas Cost Account in accordance with the Refund Plan. A breakdown of the refund by rate class is shown on Attachment B.

Please contact me at (701) 222-7855 or travis.jacobson@mdu.com if you have any questions regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

/s/ Travis R. Jacobson

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Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

cc: Allison Waldon

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Gas Utility - North Dakota
Interim Refund Factor
Case No. PU-23-341**

Calculation of Interim Refund Factor:

Interim Rate Increase	\$10,094,595
Authorized Rate Increase	<u>9,443,883</u>
Amount to be Refunded	650,712
% Refundable	6.446%
Total Interim Collected	\$9,009,938
Interim to be Refunded (excluding interest)	580,781
Interest on Interim Balance	<u>15,966</u>
Total Amount to be Refunded	<u><u>\$596,747</u></u>
Interim Refund Factor	6.623%

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Gas Utility - North Dakota
Calculation of Interest on Interim Collected
Case No. PU-23-341**

	Beginning Interim Refund Balance	Current Month Interim Collected	Interim to be Refunded 1/	Interest on Interim Refund Balance 2/	Ending Interim Refund Balance
January 2024 3/	\$0	\$358,614	\$23,117	\$0	\$23,117
February	23,117	913,572	58,889	50	82,056
March	82,056	910,648	58,700	229	140,985
April	140,985	911,291	58,742	486	200,213
May	200,213	815,333	52,556	748	253,517
June	253,517	730,602	47,095	993	301,605
July	301,605	742,526	47,863	1,212	350,680
August	350,680	736,369	47,466	1,392	399,538
September	399,538	687,866	44,340	1,557	445,435
October	445,435	763,637	49,224	1,584	496,243
November	496,243	727,822	46,915	1,730	544,888
December	544,888	681,882	43,954	1,904	590,746
January 2025 4/	590,746	29,776	1,920	1,997	594,663
February	594,663			2,084	596,747
		<u>\$9,009,938</u>	<u>\$580,781</u>	<u>\$15,966</u>	

1/ Interim collected x percent refundable.

2/ Three month Treasury Bill rate applied to the average monthly refund balance.

3/ Interim rate effective with service rendered on and after January 1, 2024

4/ Includes interim collected through January 31, 2025 to account for proration of new rates.

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Gas Utility - North Dakota
Summary of Refund Applied on February 25, 2025
Case No. PU-23-341**

	Total Amount to be Refunded	Refund via		Total Amount Refunded	Amount to be Refunded through PGA Deferred 1/	Total Amount Refunded	Authorized Customers	Average Refund
		Bill Credit	Check					
Residential	\$371,735	\$358,806	\$355	\$359,161	\$12,574	\$371,735	98,449	\$3.78
Firm General								
Small < 500	64,911	63,347	741	64,088	823	64,911	11,584	\$5.60
Large > 500	118,812	116,404	2,312	118,716	96	118,812	5,084	\$23.37
	<u>183,723</u>	<u>179,751</u>	<u>3,053</u>	<u>182,804</u>	<u>919</u>	<u>183,723</u>	<u>16,668</u>	
Air Force								
Firm	217							
Interruptible	1,523							
	<u>1,740</u>	<u>1,740</u>		<u>1,740</u>		<u>1,740</u>	<u>3</u>	\$580.00
Small Interruptible								
Sales	12,741	12,727	15	12,742	(1)	12,741	71	\$179.45
Transport	11,736	11,322	414	11,736		11,736	60	\$195.60
	<u>24,477</u>	<u>24,049</u>	<u>429</u>	<u>24,478</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>24,477</u>	<u>131</u>	
Large Interruptible								
Sales								
Transport	3,283	3,283		3,283		3,283	5	\$656.60
	<u>3,283</u>	<u>3,283</u>		<u>3,283</u>		<u>3,283</u>	<u>5</u>	
Wahpeton								
Firm	5,624	5,461	32	5,493	131	5,624	2,364	\$2.38
Interruptible	6,165	6,166		6,166	(1)	6,165	17	\$362.65
	<u>11,789</u>	<u>11,627</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>11,659</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>11,789</u>	<u>2,381</u>	
Total North Dakota	<u><u>\$596,747</u></u>	<u><u>\$579,256</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,869</u></u>	<u><u>\$583,125</u></u>	<u><u>\$13,622</u></u>	<u><u>\$596,747</u></u>	<u><u>117,637</u></u>	

1/ Includes difference due to rounding and inactive customers whose refunds were less than \$5.00.