

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
2023 Earnings Sharing Refund Plan
Approval

Case No. PU-24-177

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COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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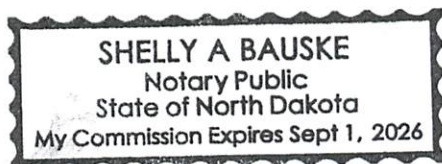
- **Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

The envelope was 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 June 2024**.



Notary Public

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On May 1, 2024, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed a request for approval of the 2023 Earnings Sharing Refund Plan pursuant to the Commission's June 6, 2023, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order (June 6 Order) in Case No. PU-22-194. The June 6 Order stipulates that MDU shall file the achieved return on equity for the prior year along with their annual report, that 70% of the earnings in excess of a 10% return on equity (ROE) shall be refunded to ratepayers and that MDU shall submit a refund plan which includes the amount and timing of the refund back to ratepayers.

The filed annual report showed a ROE of 12.797% and the over-earnings applicable to the period from July 1 to December 31, 2023, were \$4,852,253. MDU has proposed alternative mechanisms by which to refund this amount to customers. If MDU refunds the amount directly to customers, the total refund would be approximately \$24.62 for a residential customer using 800 kwh per month.

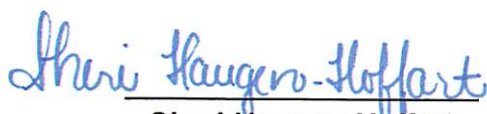
The issue to be considered in this matter is whether the proposed credit is just and reasonable.

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearings must be received by July 19, 2024.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a formal hearing.

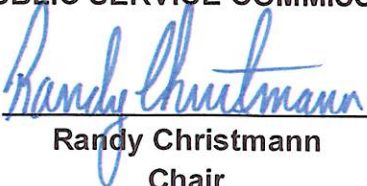
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Issued: June 5, 2024

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