

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Electric Service Agreement-Dakota Prairie Refining
Approval**

Case No. PU-24-379

ORDER

March 26, 2025

Preliminary Statement

On December 5, 2024, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed an application for approval of an Electric Service Agreement (Agreement) between Dakota Prairie Refining, LLC (Dakota Prairie) and MDU.

On December 30, 2024, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (Notice) that provided until February 10, 2025, for receiving written comments and hearing requests. The Notice identified the issue to be considered in the proceeding was whether the Agreement is just and reasonable and should be approved. No response was received.

Discussion

On November 11, 2024, MDU and Dakota Prairie entered into the Agreement providing the sale of all firm electric power required by Dakota Prairie's Dickinson, North Dakota, refinery location at a rate less than the otherwise applicable General Electric Service Rate 30 (Rate 30). The Agreement stipulates that all firm electric power will be served by MDU with Phase I rates effective until December 31, 2025, and Phase II rates effective on January 1, 2026, both at discounted rates.

Prior to the Agreement, MDU served both of Dakota Prairie's accounts at Rate 30 since their inception. Dakota Prairie commits to not purchase electric power from any other supplier and not to install or operate any electric power generation equipment to self-serve its refining facilities, unless used solely for backup purposes only. Dakota Prairie's contract rates are subject to change upon the filing of a general rate case or electric rate rider filing approved by the Commission. The discount contained in the Agreement covers the lost margins and rate impacts to other MDU customers if Dakota would self-generate a portion of their electric needs on-site.

Having considered this matter, the Commission finds the Agreement is just and reasonable and should be approved.

Order

The Commission Orders Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Electric Service Agreement with Dakota Prairie Refining, LLC, filed on November 11, 2024, is approved.

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