

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
SOUTH DAKOTA INTRASTATE PIPELINE)
COMPANY TO RECOVER ADDITIONAL)
COSTS)

ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION

NG00-001

On February 15, 2000, South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Company (SDIPC), filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) seeking an amendment to its rate schedule. According to its application, SDIPC is seeking an amendment to its rate schedule to provide for an increase in its transportation charged to its only customer, Montana-Dakota Utilities Company. SDIPC proposes to make the change in its rate effective as of April 1, 2000. On March 1, 2000, Montana-Dakota Utilities Company filed a Petition to Intervene in this docket. The deadline for intervention was March 3, 2000.

At its regularly scheduled March 14, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered the Petition to Intervene. The Commission finds that pursuant to its authority under SDCL 1-26-17.1 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 and .03, the petition of MDU was timely filed and demonstrates good cause for granting intervention. The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, specifically 1-26-17.1, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-13.1 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 and .03. It is therefore

ORDERED that MDU shall be granted intervention and shall be considered a party in this matter.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of March, 2000.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>William Kalbs</u>
Date: <u>3/21/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner