

October 10, 2012

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Docket No. GE12-004

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., respectfully requests that the Commission reopen Docket No. GE12-004 in order to revise the effective date of the following tariff sheets originally approved by Commission in its Order dated August 6, 2012:

Electric Rate Schedule (Section 6):

- 7th Revised Sheet No. 5
- Original Sheet No. 5.1

Gas Rate Schedule (Section 6):

- 1st Revised Sheet No. 4
- 1st Revised Sheet No. 4.1

The bill format presented in the above tariffs was scheduled to be implemented at the time of conversion to a new customer information system (CIS) in early October 2012. However, the Company was not able to complete all testing required to go live with the new system by October 1. While the new CIS will be ready for service by year end the new system will not actually be implemented for billing purposes until February 1, 2013 due to requirements imposed by both the external auditors and internal auditors as part of MDU Resources' Sarbanes-Oxley compliance plan. The requirement is that the conversion to the new system must occur at least three months prior to year-end. Montana-Dakota is currently in the final testing stages to allow for completion by year-end with an implementation date of February 1, 2013.

Because of this delay, Montana-Dakota requests the Commission reinstate the previously effective tariff pages, provided in Exhibit A, until the February 1, 2013

implementation date of the new customer billing system. The tariff sheets that should be reinstated and provided in Exhibit A are as follows:

Electric Rate Schedule (Section 6):

- 6th Revised Sheet No. 5

Gas Rate Schedule (Section 6):

- Original Sheet No. 4
- Original Sheet No. 4.1

Prior to the implementation of the new system on February 1, 2013, Montana-Dakota will provide a letter to the Commission proposing to replace the tariff pages noted directly above with those provided in Exhibit B with an effective date of February 1, 2013.

This filing has been electronically submitted to the Commission in accordance with ARSD 20:10:01:02:05. Montana-Dakota respectfully requests that this filing be accepted as being in full compliance with the filing requirements of this Commission.

Sincerely,



Tamie A. Aberle
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Attachments