

Service Date: April 10, 2018

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF Montana-Dakota) REGULATORY DIVISION
Utilities' Conservation Program Tracking)
Mechanism Rate 90 Tariff) DOCKET NO. D2018.4.21

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND INTERVENTION DEADLINE

The State of Montana encourages efficient utility operation and efficient use of utility services. Mont. Code Ann. § 69-3-1202(1) (2017). To facilitate these goals, Montana-Dakota Utilities Company (“MDU”) operates a portfolio of demand-side energy conservation programs that incentivize installation of high efficiency natural gas furnaces, boilers, water heaters, and programmable thermostats; encourage energy assessments; and promote commercial and industrial consumer ingenuity through a custom energy conservation program. During the previous year, 649 customers utilized various MDU portfolio programs to generate 7,335 dekatherms of annual energy savings and 136,218 dekatherms of lifetime energy savings. MDU can recover expenditures associated with these energy savings by requesting utility rate adjustments, which are tracked and approved annually by the Montana Public Service Commission (“PSC”). Mont. Code Ann. § 69-3-1206(1) (2017).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 2, 2018, MDU filed an Application with the PSC to maintain its current Conservation Program Tracking Mechanism Rate 90 Tariff to recover \$134,915 in expenditures (“Application”). These expenditures include \$131,048 in conservation portfolio expenses from March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018, and \$3,867 of under-recovery from the prior tracking year. If approved, MDU’s Rate 90 Tariff will remain at the currently established \$0.014 per dekatherm for the next twelve month period.

The Application is available to the public at the following locations: online at the PSC’s website under Docket No. D2018.4.21; at the PSC’s business offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601; at MDU’s business offices, 400 North Fourth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501; and at the Montana Consumer Counsel’s (MCC) business

office, 111 North Last Chance Gulch, Suite 1B, P.O. Box 201703, Helena, Montana 59620-1703. The MCC is available to represent the interests of the consuming public in this matter.

The PSC invites parties directly affected by MDU's filing to intervene. To intervene parties must file a Petition to Intervene with the PSC **no later than April 27, 2018**, that includes submitting: (1) an electronic petition to the PSC's website at <http://psc.mt.gov> ("Account Login/Registration" within the "Electronic Documents" tab); (2) the original petition by physical delivery or mail to the PSC address stated above; (3) a hard copy of the petition to the MCC address above, and to MDU's counsel, Mr. Michael W. Green, Crowley Fleck PLLP, 900 N. Last Chance Gulch, Suite 200, Helena, MT 59691. The PSC will not post the electronic document to its website until it receives the original from the petitioner.

The PSC also invites interested parties who do not wish to formally intervene to submit written public comments on the matter to the PSC address stated above, or through its web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov> ("Comment on Proceedings").

The PSC's jurisdiction over this matter is provided at Title 69 and Title 2, Chapter 4 of the Montana Code Annotated, and Title 38, Chapters 2 and 5 of the Montana Administrative Rules, and any prior orders of the PSC relevant to issues in this Application.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BRAD JOHNSON, Chairman
TRAVIS KAVULLA, Vice Chairman
ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner
BOB LAKE, Commissioner
TONY O'DONNELL, Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline issued on April 10, 2018 in Docket D2018.4.21 was served upon the following, by mailing a true and correct copy, via first class mail, on the 10th day of April, 2018, addressed as follows:

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