

Service Date: July 25, 1985

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

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IN THE MATTER Of The Application)	UTILITY DIVISION
Of Montana-Dakota Utility Company's)	DOCKET NO. 85.4.15
Application For Approval To Implement)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5149
Gas Transportation Rates.)	

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FINDINGS OF FACT

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On April 8, 1985 the Commission received MDU's application to implement two gas transportation service rates (Rates 81 and 82). MDU filed these Rates in anticipation of being asked to transport gas to effect a transportation arrangement between Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline and certain end-use general service and industrial gas customers.

On May 13, 1985, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity Of Public Hearing and the filing was assigned Docket No. 85.4.15. The notice allowed interested parties until June 4, 1985 to request a hearing or to protest MDU's application.

As of June 4, 1985, no party requested a hearing or protested MDU's application. One party (Ecological Engineering Services, Inc.) , however, filed a motion to intervene, which was granted.

The Montana Public Service Commission finds that MDU's proposal adequately follows cost of service and provides the opportunity to effect a transportation arrangement between Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company and certain end-use natural gas customers.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter. Title 69, Chapters 3 and 7, MCA.
2. Interested parties were given proper notice and an opportunity to request a public hearing on this matter. Section 69-3-303, and Title 2, Chapter 4, MCA.
3. The proposed tariffs are reasonable and just. Section 69-3-201, MCA.

ORDER

1. This rate shall be effective for service rendered on and after July 22, 1985.
DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on the 22nd of July, 1985 by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

Clyde Jarvis, Chairman

John B. Driscoll, Commissioner

Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner

Tom Monahan, Commissioner

Danny Oberg, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Purcell, Acting Secretary
Trenna Scofield
Commission Secretary

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Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 28.2.4806, ARM.