

Service Date: December 30, 1987

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)	
Of MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. to)	UTILITY DIVISION
Revise the Electric and Gas Ser-)	DOCKET NO. 87.3.15
vice Rate 114.)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5270
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DEFAULT ORDER

On March 23, 1987, Montana-Dakota Utilities submitted an application to revise its Electric and Gas Service Rate 114. The impact of their application is to redefine the availability of service criteria on each tariff.

The proposed policy contains three basic points:

- a. Residential Service applies only to a single family dwelling unit, served through one meter, for general domestic household purposes.
- b. General Purpose Service is defined as service provided for nonresidential use such as a business enterprise in space occupied and operated for nonresidential purposes.
- c. Premises used for combination of residential and nonresidential purposes (conducting a business), shall be separately metered for each type of service where possible. If separate metering is not possible, the customer will be billed under the predominate use policy. Under this policy, the customer's combined service is billed under the rate applicable to the type of service which constitutes 50% or more of his total connected load.

On April 8, 1987, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing. The Notice set May 6, 1987, as the final date for a party (or parties) to request a hearing.

As of May 19, 1987, no protests or requests for hearing were received. The Commission hereby approves MDU's request to revise Service Rate 114.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Applicant, Montana-Dakota Utilities Company, furnishes gas and electric services to consumers in Montana, and is a "Public Utility" under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Montana Public Service Commission. Section 69-3-101, MCA.

2. The Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the Applicant's rates and operations. Section 69-3-102, MCA, and Title 69, Chapter 3, Part 3, MCA.

3. The Commission has provided adequate public notice of this Application and has provided an opportunity to be heard to all interested persons. Title 2, Chapter 4, MCA.

4. The request to revise Service Rate 114 approved herein is just, reasonable, and not unjustly discriminatory. Section 69-3-330, MCA.

ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, it is ordered that:

1. The Application in Docket No. 87.3.15 be GRANTED.
2. The approved rates shall be effective for electric service rendered on and after December , 1987.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on the 30th day of December, 1987, by a 5 to 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

TOM MONAHAN, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ann Purcell
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request that the Commission reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.