

Service Date: September 22, 1995

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

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IN THE MATTER OF MONTANA-DAKOTA	)	UTILITY DIVISION
UTILITIES COMPANY, Application	)	
for Authority to Implement the	)	DOCKET NO. 95.4.14
Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment	)	
Procedure.	)	ORDER NO. 5840b

FINAL ORDER

On April 3, 1995, Montana-Dakota Utilities Company (MDU) filed an application before the Public Service Commission (PSC) for approval to implement the semi-annual gas cost tracking procedure provided by MDU tariff Rates 87 and 88. In its application MDU proposed decreases (net effect) of \$.535/dk for residential and general service customers and \$.373/dk for large interruptible customers for the rate effective period. MDU stated that the decreases result from changes in the cost of purchased gas.

On April 21, 1995, the PSC issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. On May 24, 1995, the Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC) petitioned for general intervention. No other requests for intervention were received. No objections or requests for hearing were received. Upon PSC inquiry, MCC indicated that it

intervened to preserve its interest in the event protests were received or a hearing were held.

On April 27, 1995, the PSC issued an Interim Order (Order No. 5840a) approving MDU's application as filed, on an interim basis. The PSC finds that the rates proposed by MDU and approved on an interim basis are just and reasonable on a final basis. It is HEREBY ORDERED that MDU's application is approved on a final basis, as filed, and all provisions of the Interim Order, Order No. 5840a, that can be viewed as a Final Order and should be so viewed to preserve the integrity of this Order are incorporated herein as the Final Order.

Done and dated this 19th day of September, 1995, by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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NANCY MCCAFFREE, Chair

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DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson  
Commission Secretary

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