

## THE STATE OF WYOMING

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## Public Service Commission

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Tamie A. Aberle Director of Regulatory Affairs Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. 400 North Fourth Street Bismarck, ND 58501

Re:

IN THE MATTER OF MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.'S FILING OF MUNICIPAL LIGHTING CONTRACT FORMS – DOCKET NO. 20004-129-EK-17 (RECORD NO. 14939)

LETTER ORDER (Issued April 18, 2018)

Dear Ms. Aberle:

On May 30, 2017, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed with the Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) a Municipal Street Lighting and Equipment Rental Agreement and a Municipal Street Lighting Agreement. These contract forms (contracts) describe the responsibilities of the Company and the municipality with respect to municipal lighting service.

Wyoming Statute § 37-3-111 provides, in pertinent part, "[e]very public utility shall file with the commission copies of contracts, agreements or arrangements to which it may be a party, as the commission may designate." Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 31 requires each electric utility to file "all special contracts governing the utility's sale of utility service."

MDU's contracts came before the Commission pursuant to due notice at its Open Meeting on April 17, 2018. Steve Mink, Commission Counsel, recommended accepting the contracts for filing.

The Commission having reviewed the contracts, its files regarding MDU, applicable Wyoming utility law, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises finds and concludes that MDU has acted in accordance with Wyo. Stat. § 37-3-111, Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 31, and good cause therefore being shown, the Commission at its Open Meeting of April 17, 2018, accepted for filing the contracts between MDU and the municipality. A copy of the contracts and this *Letter Order* will be placed in the Commission's docket files.

The Commission's authorization to place the contracts in its files does not constitute the Commission's determination of any utility rate making issues whatsoever, which issues are expressly reserved for decision until they are presented regularly to the Commission in appropriate proceedings.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. Pursuant to Open Meeting action taken April 17, 2018, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Municipal Street Lighting and Equipment Rental Agreement and the Municipal Street Lighting Agreement are accepted for filing.
  - 2. This *Letter Order* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on April 18, 2018.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JOHN S. BURBRIDGE, Assistant Secretary

cc: Bruce S. Asay, Associated Legal Group, LLC 1812 Pebrican Ave., Cheyenne, WY 82001