



# Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

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#### 1. APPLICABILITY:

This rate schedule sets forth the procedure to be used in calculating the Electric Fuel and Purchased Power Cost (Fuel and Power Cost) Tracking Adjustment. It specifies the procedure to be utilized to adjust the rates for electricity sold under Montana-Dakota's rate schedules in the state of Montana, excluding Contract Service Rate 35, in order to reflect: (a) changes in Montana-Dakota's average cost of fuel and purchased power (b) amortization of the Unreflected Fuel Cost Account and changes in Montana-Dakota's electric wholesale sales margins as allocated to its Montana electric jurisdiction excluding Contract Service Rate 35.

#### 2. EFFECTIVE DATE AND LIMITATION ON ADJUSTMENTS:

- a. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the effective dates of the Fuel and Power Cost tracking adjustment shall be service rendered on and after the first day of each month. The effective date of the adjustment for amortization of the Unreflected Fuel Cost Account shall be July 1 of each year.
- b. Montana-Dakota shall file an adjustment to reflect changes in its average cost of electric supply only when the amount of change in such adjustment is at least .001 cents per Kwh. The tracking adjustment to be effective July 1 shall be filed each year, regardless of the amount of the change.

#### 3. MINIMUM FILING REQUIREMENTS:

Montana-Dakota's filing to implement the Fuel and Power Cost Tracking Adjustment effective July 1 of each year shall include the following:

- a. Fuel and purchased power costs by month by supply source, with annual totals;
- b. Generation and purchases (Mwh) by month by supply source, with annual totals;
- c. Total Montana-Dakota sales by major customer class by month with annual totals and;

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- d. Montana-Dakota sales by major customer class by jurisdiction by month, with annual totals.

#### 4. FUEL AND POWER COST TRACKING ADJUSTMENT:

- a. The monthly Fuel and Power Cost Tracking Adjustment shall be calculated separately for primary voltage and secondary service customers and shall reflect ninety (90) percent of the changes in Montana-Dakota's cost of fuel and purchased power as compared to the cost of fuel and purchased power approved in its base rates plus the annual Unreflected Fuel Cost Adjustment. The base fuel cost shall be 2.028 ¢/Kwh for primary service and 2.079¢/Kwh for secondary service as established in the most recent general rate case.
- b. The cost of fuel and purchased power shall be calculated separately for primary service customers and secondary service customers, and shall be the sum of the following costs for the most recent four month period, as allocated to Montana and to the primary and secondary customer classes:
1. The cost of fossil and other fuels as recorded in Account Nos. 501 and 547.
  2. The net cost of purchases and costs linked to the utility's load serving obligation associated with participation in wholesale electric energy and capacity markets as recorded in Account 555,
  3. Less the cost of fuel and purchased power recovered from electric wholesale sales.
- c. The cost per Kwh for the month is the sum of 4(b) above divided by retail sales volumes for the most recent four month period for the primary and secondary service classes excluding Contract Service Rate 35.

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- d. The Fuel and Power cost tracking adjustment for the month shall be the difference between the base cost of fuel and purchased power and the calculated cost in 4(c) multiplied by ninety (90) percent.

The applicable Fuel and Power Cost Tracking Adjustment shall be applied to each of Montana-Dakota's rate schedules except Contract Service Rate 35, recognizing differences among customer classes consistent with the cost of fuel and purchased power included in the applicable class sales rate.

#### 5. UNREFLECTED FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT:

All sales rate schedules shall be subject to an Unreflected Fuel Cost Adjustment to be effective on July 1 of each year. The Unreflected Fuel Cost Adjustment per Kwh shall reflect amortization of the applicable balance in the Unreflected Fuel Cost Account calculated by dividing the applicable balance by the estimated Kwh sales for the twelve months following the effective date of the adjustment.

#### 6. UNREFLECTED FUEL COST ACCOUNT:

- a. Items to be included in the applicable Unreflected Fuel Cost Account, are:
- (1) Amounts under recovered or over recovered for fuel and purchased power, as calculated in accordance with Subsection 6(b) each month.
  - (2) Refunds received with respect to fuel and purchased power. Such refunds received shall be credited to the Unreflected Fuel Cost Account.
  - (3) Ninety (90) percent of the difference above or below the off-system sales margin base established in the most recent rate case each month, as allocated to Montana excluding Contract Service Rate 35.
- b. The amount to be included in the Unreflected Fuel Cost Account in order to reflect the items specified in Subsection 6(a) (1) and (2) shall be calculated as follows:

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- (1) Montana-Dakota shall first determine each month the unit cost for that month's fuel and purchased power.
- (2) Montana-Dakota shall then subtract from each month's unit cost the cost of fuel and purchased power included in rates for that month.
- (3) The resulting difference (which may be positive or negative) shall be multiplied by ninety (90) percent and by the Kwh sold during that month under each applicable rate schedule. The resulting amounts shall be reflected in an Unreflected Fuel Cost Account for each applicable rate schedule.

c. Reduction of Amounts in the Unreflected Fuel Cost Account:

- (1) The amounts in the Unreflected Fuel Cost Account shall be decreased each month by an amount determined by multiplying the currently effective Unreflected Fuel Cost adjustment included in rates for that month (as calculated in Subsection 6) by the Kwh sold during that month under each applicable rate schedule. The Account shall be increased in the event the adjustment is a negative amount.

#### 7. TIME AND MANNER OF FILING:

- a. Each filing by Montana-Dakota shall be made by means of a revised fuel and power cost schedule provided in Subsection 8 identifying the amount of the adjustment.
- b. Each filing shall be accompanied by detailed computations which clearly show the derivation of the relevant amounts.

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#### 8. EFFECTIVE ADJUSTMENT:

Effective Date	Current Adjustment ¢ per Kwh		Amount of Change ¢ per Kwh	
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
8/1/10	0.228	0.224	0.075	0.089

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