

# **Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Refund for 2018 Natural Gas and Electric Service**

Natural gas and electric service customers in South Dakota who were billed for service from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) during 2018 will see a one-time bill credit on this bill, titled "Tax Act Refund". This refund is associated with the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 passed into law in late December 2017.

On December 29, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued an Order Requiring Comments; Order Requiring Rates in Effect January 1, 2018 are Subject to Refund; and Order Granting Intervention. On October 23, 2018, the Commission approved a Settlement Agreement between Commission Staff and Montana-Dakota that provided for reduced natural gas and electric service rates to be effective January 1, 2019 and a Tax Act Refund for customers who were billed for natural gas and electric service in 2018 to be applied to customers' accounts no later than February 15, 2019. The bill credit includes interest at the rate of seven percent to the average monthly balances during 2018.

The gas rate refund plan approved by the Commission provides for the refunding of \$1,326,915 to South Dakota gas customers

through a one-time bill credit on their gas bill issued between February 15, 2019 and March 15, 2019 based on each customer's 2018 consumption. The bill credit will be shown as a separate line item on the bill and will be identified as "Gas Tax Act Refund".

The electric rate refund plan approved by the Commission provides for the refunding of \$591,424 to South Dakota electric customers through a one-time bill credit on their electric bill issued between February 15, 2019 and March 15, 2019 based on each customer's 2018 consumption. The bill credit will be shown as a separate line item on the bill and will be identified as "Electric Tax Act Refund".



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