

A non-residential customer who requests the reconnection of service at the same location the customer discontinued the same service during the preceding 12-month period will be charged the Basic Service charge applicable during the period service was not being used and a \$30.00 reconnection fee during normal business hours. However, the reconnection application to seasonal businesses, such as swimming facilities and asphalt processing, may receive credit for the Distribution Delivery Charge revenue collected while in service.

Further information, applicable rates, rules and regulations are available at [www.montana-dakota.com](http://www.montana-dakota.com) or by calling 1-800-638-3278.



## Natural Gas Distribution Rate Increase

On June 22, 2020, Montana-Dakota Utilities, Co. (Montana-Dakota) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) to increase its natural gas service rates. Montana-Dakota proposed an increase of \$8.56 million or a 13.4 percent overall annual increase in distribution revenues. The primary reason for the increase is increased investments necessary for providing safe and reliable service to the Company's natural gas customers, in addition to increased operation and maintenance expense, depreciation expense, and property taxes.

On February 1, 2021, Montana-Dakota and the Montana Consumer Counsel jointly filed a Stipulation with the Commission for an increase in revenues of \$7.25 million or approximately 11.37 percent annually. The Commission approved the Stipulation at its February 16, 2021 meeting. The new rates are effective with service rendered on or after April 1, 2021. A residential customer using 77 dk on an annual basis will see an average increase of approximately \$4.87 per month.

Applicable rates for various classes of service are shown below. The Cost of Gas is subject to change monthly.

	<b>Effective</b>
<b>Current</b>	<b>April 1, 2021</b>

**Residential Gas Service – Rate 60**

-Basic Service Charge.....	\$0.26 per day	\$0.30 per day
-Distribution Delivery Charge .....	\$1.034 per dk	\$1.352 per dk
-Cost of Gas .....	\$4.214 per dk	\$4.214 per dk
-CTA (Rate 90).....	\$0.014 per dk	\$0.014 per dk
-Tax Tracking Adjustment.....	29.9694%	29.9694%

**Firm General Gas Service – Rate 70**

-Basic Service Charge		
Under 500 cubic ft per hour .....	\$0.45 per day	\$0.60 per day
Over 500 cubic ft per hour .....	\$0.90 per day	\$1.75 per day
-Distribution Delivery Charge		
Under 500 cubic ft per hour .....	\$1.390 per dk	\$1.577 per dk
Over 500 cubic ft per hour .....	\$1.390 per dk	\$1.491 per dk
-Cost of Gas .....	\$4.214 per dk	\$4.214 per dk
-CTA (Rate 90).....	\$0.014 per dk	\$0.014 per dk
-Tax Tracking Adjustment.....	29.9694%	29.9694%

**Small Interruptible General Gas Service – Rate 71**

-Basic Service Charge.....	\$225.00 per mo.	\$312.00 per mo.
-Distribution Delivery Charge		
Maximum Rate .....	\$0.673 per dk	\$0.794 per dk
Minimum Rate .....	\$0.101 per dk	\$0.101 per dk
-Cost of Gas .....	\$2.771 per dk	\$2.771 per dk
-Tax Tracking Adjustment.....	29.9694%	29.9694%

**Large Interruptible General Gas Service – Rate 85**

-Basic Service Charge.....	\$567.25 per mo.	\$567.25 per mo.
-Distribution Delivery Charge		
Maximum Rate .....	\$0.460 per dk	\$0.582 per dk
Minimum Rate .....	\$0.050 per dk	\$0.050 per dk
-Cost of Gas .....	\$2.771 per dk	\$2.771 per dk
-Tax Tracking Adjustment.....	29.9694%	29.9694%

**Firm General Contracted Demand Service Rate 74:**

New rate schedule applicable to non-residential

customers with standby natural gas generators or for non-residential customers who otherwise qualify for interruptible service but have requested, and received, Company approval for firm gas service.

**Other Rates Available:**

Optional Seasonal General Gas Service Rate 72, Firm General Contracted Demand Service Rate 74, and Transportation Service Rates 81 and 82

**Prorated Bill:**

The first bill you receive may be prorated, depending on the date your meter was read. Bills are prorated to reflect the rates in effect at the time service was rendered, rather than when your bill is processed. This means that any natural gas used prior to April 1, 2021 will be billed at the old rates and any natural gas used on and after April 1, 2021 will be billed at the new rates.

**Payment:**

Bills will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. An amount equal to 1% per month will be applied to any unpaid balance existing at the immediate subsequent billing date.

**NSF Returned Check Charge:**

A charge of \$30.00 will be collected by the Company for each check charged back to the Company by the customer's financial institution.

**Seasonal Reconnection Charges:**

A residential customer who requests the reconnection of service at the same location the customer discontinued the same service during the preceding 12-month period will be charged the Basic Service charge applicable during the period service was not being used and a \$30.00 reconnection fee during normal business hours. Standard overtime rates will be applied for reconnecting service after normal business hours.