

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR)
APPROVAL OF ITS RECONCILIATION)
FOR 2013 AND ITS PROPOSED ENERGY)
EFFICIENCY PLAN FOR 2014)**

**ORDER APPROVING
2014 ENERGY EFFICIENCY
PLAN BUDGET INCREASE**

GE14-001

On February 27, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican or Company) that included its 2013 Energy Efficiency Annual Report, the reconciliation for the 2013 Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor for the 2013 calendar year, and MidAmerican's 2014 Energy Efficiency Plan Update. MidAmerican requested approval of modifications to its 2014 Energy Efficiency Plan and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider, which included 2013 reconciliation amounts, the 2013 performance incentive and 2014 budget amounts. On May 2, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Approving MidAmerican's 2013 Energy Efficiency Annual Report and 2014 Energy Efficiency Plan Update.

On October 10, 2014, MidAmerican filed a petition to update the budget amount for its 2014 Energy Efficiency Plan. Specifically, MidAmerican requested that the Commission authorize additional spending of \$573,662 in the Gas Residential Equipment Program in order to meet customer demand and continue program operation.

On October 23, 2014, MidAmerican filed its responses to Commission staff's (Staff) data request, providing additional information on its proposed budget increase. Within MidAmerican's cover letter for its responses, the Company identified that the actual budget increase request was for \$550,142. This request resulted in an updated total revised budget of \$1,377,165 for the Residential Gas Electric Program. The original Residential Gas Equipment Program budget approved in the May 2, 2014, Commission Order was \$827,023.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.2, 49-34A-8.4, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 28, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the budget increase for MidAmerican's Residential Gas Equipment Program. After thoroughly discussing and deliberating the matter, a majority of the Commission voted to approve MidAmerican's request to increase its Residential Gas Equipment Program budget by \$550,142, resulting in a total 2014 Residential Gas Equipment Program budget of \$1,377,165, with Commissioner Nelson, dissenting.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that MidAmerican's request to increase its Residential Gas Equipment Program budget by \$550,142, resulting in a total 2014 Residential Gas Equipment Program budget of \$1,377,165, is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st-day of October, 2014.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.	
By:	<u>Joy Ashley</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner
dissenting