

**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 PROPOSED ENERGY)
EFFICIENCY PLAN FOR 2008)**

**ORDER APPROVING
EXTENSION OF ENERGY
EFFICIENCY PLAN**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR)
THE APPROVAL OF ITS PROPOSED)
ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN FOR 2012)**

**EL07-015
GE11-002**

On October 21, 2011, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Request to Extend Energy Efficiency Plan One Year (Request) from MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) seeking approval of a one year extension of its year Energy Efficiency Plan (Plan). Docket EL07-015 was administratively re-opened and the Request filed in Docket EL07-015. On March 31, 2009, in Docket EL07-015, the Commission issued its original Order Approving Energy Efficiency Plan, approving the Plan and related tariff sheets to become effective on May 1, 2009, and end on December 31, 2011. On May 8, 2009, the Commission issued an Order Approving Tariff Revisions which approved revisions to certain of the Plan's originally filed tariff sheets. On January 27, 2010, the Commission issued an Order Approving Revisions to Energy Efficiency Plan amending the Plan's budgets for the 2009 and 2010 Plan years. On April 6, 2010, in Docket GE10-001, the Commission issued an Order Approving 2009 Reconciliation and Energy Efficiency Plan for 2010. On April 4, 2011, in Docket NG11-001, the Commission issued its Order Approving Reconciliation for 2010 and Energy Efficiency Plan for 2011 which approved the currently effective Plan and associated cost recovery tariff sheets. In the Request, MidAmerican sought approval to continue its Plan through the 2012 Plan year while it finalized Plan revisions to be jointly filed for approval in Iowa, Illinois and South Dakota and stated that the 2012 budget would be similar to the 2011 budget of \$1.3 million. On December 7, 2011, MidAmerican filed an Amended Request to Extend Energy Efficiency Plan One Year in which MidAmerican requested approval of an additional \$341,079 in the 2012 budget to cover the estimated 2012 Plan costs of energy efficiency measures related to repair of flood damaged homes in the Dakota Dunes area. On December 15, 2011, MidAmerican filed a letter entitled Supplemental Information in Support of Request to Extend Energy Efficiency Plan One Year which provided additional data explaining the basis for the proposed program revisions to Plan and for the estimated Dakota Dunes flood related costs.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.2, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, and 49-34A-25.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 20, 2011, the Commission considered the Request. Commission Staff recommended that the Commission approve the extension of the current Plan as it was approved in Docket GE11-001 without changes through calendar year 2012 but take no action at this time on the proposed Plan revisions or the proposed budget increase. Staff further recommended that the proposed Plan revisions and budget addition for Dakota Dunes flood-related measures be considered in connection with MidAmerican's annual report and true-up filing expected to occur in February 2012, and that a new Gas and Electric Docket be administratively opened to include the Request and subsequent filings in this case to

more appropriately reflect that the Plan pertains to both gas and electric service and to more clearly reflect its relationship to Dockets GE10-001 and GE11-001.

Following extensive discussion between the Commissioners and MidAmerican and Staff regarding the analytical basis for MidAmerican's proposed removal of residential heat pumps from the Plan and the factual assumptions underlying the proposed budget increase for Dakota Dunes flood-related expenses, the Commission found that the current filings in the record provide an insufficient basis to approve these changes without additional data and analysis and that the appropriate action at this time should be limited to an extension of the Plan in its current form and budget pending MidAmerican's annual Plan reconciliation and true-up filing in February. Finding that extending the extension of the Plan for the year 2012 in its current form and budget to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to so approve the extension of the Plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MidAmerican's request for approval of a one year extension of its Plan is granted, and extension of the Plan in its current form and with its current budget as approved in Docket GE11-001 is hereby approved and shall be effective from January 1, 2012, until December 31, 2012, except as the Commission shall otherwise order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of December, 2011.

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><i>Jay Hanson</i></u>
Date: <u>12-28-11</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Jay Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner