

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR)
APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS TO)
ITS 2016 TRANSMISSION COST)
RECOVERY RECONCILIATION AND 2017)
TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY)
FACTORS)

ORDER ASSESSING
FILING FEE

EL17-007

On February 15, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received MidAmerican Energy Company's (MEC) Application for Approval of its 2016 Transmission Cost Recovery Reconciliation and 2017 Transmission Cost Recovery Factors. MEC's Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) mechanism was established in the company's most recent rate case, Docket No. EL14-072. With this filing, MEC is establishing new TCR rates based on true ups to any over/under recovery from 2016, and for forecast over/under recovery for 2017. The proposed TCR factor changes will result in an annual increase of approximately \$37,227 for all revenue classes. MEC currently serves approximately 4,920 customers in Alcester, Dakota Dunes, Fairview, Hudson, Jefferson, and North Sioux City, South Dakota. MEC requests the new TCR factors have an effective date of April 3, 2017.

On February 16, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 3, 2017, to interested persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

SDCL 49-1A-8 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to fifty thousand dollars in the Commission's Regulatory Assessment Fee Fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 28, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee as requested by Commission staff up to the statutory limit of \$50,000.00 to account for actual expenses incurred in review of this filing commencing from the filing date. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MEC shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$50,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of March, 2017.

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| 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 or by mail. |
| By: <u>Karen E. Cremer</u> |
| Date: <u>3/07/2017</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner