

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )	ORDER APPROVING 1997
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR )	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
APPROVAL OF ITS 1997 ECONOMIC )	REPORT AND 1998
DEVELOPMENT REPORT AND ITS 1998 )	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN )	PLAN
)	NG97-022

On December 30, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received MidAmerican Energy Company's (MidAmerican) 1997 Economic Development Annual Report and proposed Economic Development Plan for 1998. The proposed plan was filed in accordance with Docket No. NG95-006. The company filed additional data in regard to this matter on February 19, 1998.

For 1998, MidAmerican's proposed economic development investment budget is \$35,000. The actual expenditures for the 1997 Economic Development Plan were \$45,913.


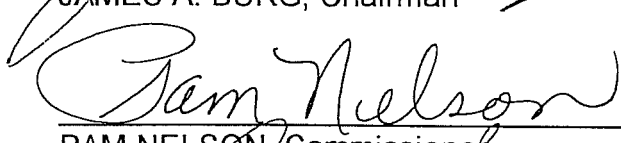

At its regularly scheduled March 10, 1998, meeting, the Commission reviewed MidAmerican's 1997 Economic Development Annual Report and Economic Development Plan for 1998. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6. After review of the report and plan, the Commission found that they are just and reasonable and voted to approve them. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MidAmerican's 1997 Economic Development Annual Report and Economic Development Plan for 1998 are approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1998.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Altaire Kalkbrenner</i></u>
Date: <u>3/16/98</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 _____ JAMES A. BURG, Chairman
 _____ PAM NELSON, Commissioner
 _____ LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner