

## Natural Gas Orders - Issued 1997

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT FILED )          BY SUSAN COBB, SIOUX FALLS, SD, )          AGAINST MIDAMERICAN ENERGY )          COMPANY REGARDING DISCONNECTION )</b>	<b>ORDER FINDING NO          PROBABLE CAUSE,          DISMISSING COMPLAINT          AND CLOSING DOCKET</b>
	<b>NG97-010</b>

On June 25, 1997, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a complaint from Susan Cobb (Cobb), Sioux Falls, SD, against MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) regarding disconnection. Cobb stated that the utilities were put in her daughter's name because she was the only one working. Further, Cobb states that her daughter was almost 18 when this was done and that in less than three weeks from the time the complaint was filed her daughter would turn 18. Subsequent to the application, MidAmerican learned the daughter was a minor. Consequently, a disconnection notice was delivered. In the complaint, Cobb requested that disconnection be stopped. In response, MidAmerican delayed the immediate disconnection order. After the disconnection delay, MidAmerican found the account to be in default of a May 21, 1997 deferred payment arrangement. In accordance with the arrangement, a payment plus the current bill was to have been made on June 19, 1997. No payments have been made on the account since the down payment was made on June 2, 1997. Therefore, the account was subject to disconnection.

On July 15, 1997, a duly noticed meeting, the Commission reviewed the complaint as well as comments of MidAmerican. Ms. Cobb did not appear.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A and ARSD 20:10:01:08.01 and 20:10:01:09.

The Commission found that the disconnection notice for the default account made the original disconnection a moot point. The Commission unanimously voted to find no probable cause of an unlawful or unreasonable act, rate, practice or omission on the part of MidAmerican and to dismiss the Complaint and close the docket. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission does not find probable cause of an unlawful or unreasonable act, rate, practice or omission and therefore the Complaint is dismissed and docket NG97-010 is hereby closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of July, 1997.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>	<p><b>BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>JAMES A. BURG, Chairman</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>PAM NELSON, Commissioner</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner</b></p>
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