

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	ORDER APPROVING
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR)	EXTENSION OF TEST
APPROVAL OF PETITION FOR EXTENSION)	PERIOD
OF TEST PERIOD)	NG01-008

On July 20, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition of MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) for Extension of Test Period as it relates to its natural gas service in South Dakota. ARSD 20:10:13:44 requires the use of a test period consisting of 12 months of actual experience ending no earlier than 6 months before the date of filing unless good cause for extension is shown. MidAmerican is contemplating filing a natural gas rate case on or before November 1, 2001, and has petitioned the Commission to authorize the use of a calendar year 2000 test period as a basis for establishing its natural gas cost of service.

At its regularly scheduled August 16, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered MidAmerican's Petition. MidAmerican presented its arguments in favor of granting the Petition to the Commission. The Commission found that good cause exists for extension of the test period, as requested, for a natural gas rate case filing made by MidAmerican by November 1, 2001. The Commission voted to grant the Petition.



The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A and ARSD 20:10:13:44. It is hereby

ORDERED, that MidAmerican is granted a waiver of ARSD 20:10:13:44 and shall be allowed to use a 2000 test year for its natural gas rate case provided the filing is made by November 1, 2001.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21st day of August, 2001.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Delaine Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u><i>8/23/01</i></u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 JAMES A. BURG, Chairman
 PAM NELSON, Commissioner