BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR EXTENSION OF TEST PERIOD	)))))	**ORDER APPROVING EXTENSION OF FILING DEADLINE FOLLOWING TEST PERIOD** **NG14-002**

On April 3, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition for Extension of Test Period from MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) requesting an extension of time beyond its requested test period to file an application for an increase in its natural gas rates. MidAmerican requests to be allowed to file a general rate increase application in early August 2014, based on a 2013 calendar year test period. ARSD 20:10:13:44 requires the use of a test period consisting of 12 months of actual experience ending no earlier than six months before the date of filing unless good cause for extension is shown.

On April 10, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 25, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A and ARSD 20:10:13:44.

At its April 30, 2014, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of MidAmerican's request for extension of time. Finding good cause was shown by MidAmerican for an extension of time for filing a rate case following the end of its proposed calendar year 2013 test period, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the requested extension. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MidAmerican's request for extension of time for filing a general rate increase application following its calendar year 2013 test period is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1st day of May, 2014.

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: Lori Lashley

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner