

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY )  
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF )  
TARIFF REVISIONS REGARDING EXCESS )  
FLOW VALVES FOR EXISTING SERVICE LINES )  
FACTORS )**

**ORDER APPROVING  
TARIFF REVISIONS**

**NG17-004**

On February 21, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received MidAmerican Energy Company's (MidAmerican) filing for approval of tariff revisions to implement cost recovery for installation of an excess flow valve (EFV) on an existing gas line at the customer's request. This EFV installation charge is proposed in order to implement new federal regulations issued by the United States Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). These new regulations mandate that natural gas utilities offer the installation of EFVs to existing residences and small commercial structures served from qualifying distribution systems. The new requirements take effect on April 14, 2017. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Gas Tariff Schedule No. 2

SD P.U.C. Sec. No. 1  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 8

Canceling Original Sheet No. 8

SD P.U.C. Sec. No. 5  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 83

Canceling Original Sheet No. 83

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 28, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval of the establishing an EFC cost recovery charge but deferred the amount of the charge to the Commission.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A.

After discussing the matter, the Commission determined that the fee charged by MidAmerican for the installation of an EFV should be set at the actual cost of the installation of the EFV. Finding the EFV installation fee to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the EFV fee and associated tariff sheet with an effective date of April 14, 2017. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the excess flow valve fee and tariff sheets as set forth above are hereby approved with an effective date of April 14, 2017.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

<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, electronically or by mail.
By: <u>Karen E. Bremer</u>
Date: <u>4/4/2017</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner