

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR) APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS) REGARDING FARM TAP SERVICE) |))))) | ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS ON LESS THAN 30 DAYS' NOTICE NG17-011 |
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On July 24, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a letter from MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) requesting a docket be opened to consider a proposal that would allow MidAmerican to provide services to a number of farm tap customers connected to an interstate pipeline owned and operated by Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), as a result of discussions between MidAmerican and Commission staff (Staff). The tariff revisions proposed by MidAmerican will allow it to provide service to existing farm tap users currently receiving certain services from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern), pursuant to a contractual arrangement between Northern and NorthWestern, which will expire on December 31, 2017. On July 27, 2017, MidAmerican filed a letter providing further information on its proposal.

On July 27, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 31, 2017, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene were filed. Comments were received from a number of persons. On August 1, 2017, the Commission considered this matter at its regularly scheduled meeting. No action was taken and the docket was deferred. On August 10, 2017, MidAmerican filed a letter regarding three different tariff options with corresponding revised tariffs in support of each option that would allow customers to continue service while accounting for safety measures, draft agreements, and a cost-of-service analysis. MidAmerican sought expedited processing of this docket in order to allow adequate time for customer awareness campaigns and implementation. MidAmerican also requested that the tariff revisions be effective on less than 30 days' notice. On August 11, 2017, Staff filed its memorandum in support of MidAmerican's August 10, 2017, Option 3 filing and the corresponding revised tariffs.

The Option 3 revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Gas Tariff Schedule No. 2

SD P.U.C. Sec. No. 3

Original Sheet No. 15.1
Original Sheet No. 15.2
Original Sheet No. 15.3
Original Sheet No. 15.4

SD P.U.C. Sec. No. 5

1st Revised Sheet No. 56
Original Sheet No. 56.1
Original Sheet No. 56.2
1st Revised Sheet No. 62
1st Revised Sheet No. 72

Canceling Original Sheet No. 56

Canceling Original Sheet No. 62

Canceling Original Sheet No. 72

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, and ARSD 20:10:13:20 and 20:10:13:21.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 15, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended the Commission approve the Option 3 tariff revisions included in MidAmerican's August 10, 2017 filing, on less than 30 days' notice, effective August 15, 2017, and approve recovery of the rate phase-in deficit and contribution towards the safety inspections through the Purchased Gas Adjustment. After considering the arguments of the parties, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Option 3 tariff revisions included in MidAmerican's August 10, 2017 filing, on less than 30 days' notice, effective August 15, 2017, and approve recovery of the rate phase-in deficit and contribution towards the safety inspections through the Purchased Gas Adjustment as such revisions are just and reasonable. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MidAmerican's request for approval of Option 3 tariff revisions as described in its August 10, 2017 filing is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that recovery of the rate phase-in deficit and contribution towards the safety inspections through the Purchased Gas Adjustment is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED, that the Option 3 tariff sheets are approved on less than 30 days' notice effective as of August 15, 2017.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of August, 2017.

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| 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 or by mail. | |
| By: | <u>Adam Detwueck</u> |
| Date: | <u>8/23/17</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) | |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Eiegen
KRISTIE EIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner