

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT)
REQUEST OF MIDAMERICAN ENERGY)
COMPANY AND NORTHWESTERN)
CORPORATION DBA NORTHWESTERN)
ENERGY FOR A WAIVER OF INITIAL)
AND FINAL METER READING)
REQUIREMENTS)

**ORDER GRANTING
REQUEST TO WITHDRAW
AND CLOSE THE DOCKET**

NG17-017

On November 14, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint filing from MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) and NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern) requesting a waiver of initial and final meter reading requirements. MidAmerican and NorthWestern are in the process of transitioning the provision of certain services for a certain group of farm tap customers. The requirements of ARSD 20:10:17:02 appear to require NorthWestern to obtain a final meter read on behalf of Northern Natural Gas and MidAmerican to obtain an initial meter read. MidAmerican and NorthWestern propose to perform a single meter read and share information in order to comply with the requirement to have an initial and final meter read. The companies state the waiver request is designed to make this transition more efficient and therefore more cost-effective for all customers.

On November 16, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 1, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A and ARSD 20:10:17:02.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 5, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Following discussion by the Commission, the parties agreed a waiver of ARSD 20:10:17:02 was unnecessary and verbally requested withdrawal of the waiver request. The Commission unanimously voted to grant MidAmerican and NorthWestern's request for withdrawal of the waiver request. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MidAmerican and NorthWestern's request for withdrawal of the joint request for waiver is granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the docket be dismissed and closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of December, 2017.

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 deHueck</u>
Date: <u>12/12/17</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner