

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	ORDER ASSESSING
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR)	FILING FEE
APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS TO)	
ITS TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY)	EL16-004
2015 RECONCILIATION AND NEW)	
FACTOR CALCULATION)	

On February 12, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received MidAmerican Energy Company's (MEC) filing for approval of tariff revisions to its Transmission Cost Recovery 2015 Reconciliation and New Factor Calculation. MEC's Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) mechanism was established in the company's most recent rate case EL14-072. With this filing, MEC is establishing new TCR rates based on true ups to any over/under recovery from 2015, and for forecast over/under recovery for 2016. The new TCR factors are to be effective with the first April 2016 bill groups through the final March 2017 bill groups. The proposed changes will potentially affect approximately 4,500 customers in MEC's South Dakota service territory. The proposed TCR Factor changes will result in an annual increase of approximately \$139, 310 reflected throughout the rate classes.

On February 18, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 4, 2016, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

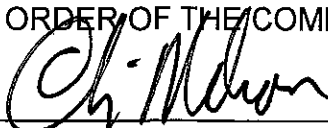
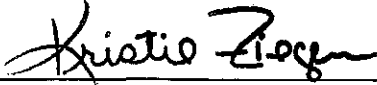
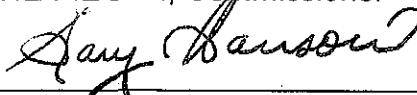
At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 26, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff requested that the Commission assess a filing fee of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) as authorized by SDCL 49-1A-8 to defray expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee for actual expenses incurred in the review of this filing up to the statutory limit of \$50,000. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MEC shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission not to exceed \$50,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of March, 2016.

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>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>03/08/16</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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CHRIS NELSON, Chairman
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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner
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GARY HANSON, Commissioner