

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

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

On February 12, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received MidAmerican Energy Company's (MidAmerican) filing for approval of tariff revisions to its Transmission Cost Recovery (TCR) 2015 Reconciliation and New Factor Calculation. MidAmerican's TCR mechanism was established in the company's most recent rate case EL14-072. With this filing, MidAmerican 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 April 4, 2016, with the first April 2016 bill groups through the final March 2017 bill groups. Approximately 4,500 South Dakota customers will be affected by the TCR rate change. The bill increase for a typical residential customer averaging 700 kWh per month will be approximately \$0.53 per month or 0.80 percent.

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. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On March 4, 2016, MidAmerican filed a revised 2015 TCR Reconciliation and New Factor Calculation. On March 4, 2016, MidAmerican submitted its Supplemental filing which included a request for a waiver of ARSD 20:10:13:19. On March 4 and 16, 2016, MidAmerican filed its responses to the Commission staff's data requests. On March 8, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Assessing Filing Fee. On March 24, 2016, Commission staff filed its Memorandum setting forth its analysis and recommendations.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Tariff Schedule No. 2

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

1st Revised Sheet No. 73

Canceling Original Sheet No. 73

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, particularly 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4, and ARSD 20:10:13.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 30, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the revised TCR rate factors and revised tariff sheet submitted by MidAmerican in its supplemental filing on March 4, 2016, with an effective date of April 4, 2016. Having thoroughly reviewed the filings in the docket, the Commission found that the TCR rates and tariff revisions were just, reasonable, and in the public interest and that good and sufficient cause was demonstrated to approve the tariff revisions. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the revised TCR rate factors and

revised tariff sheet with an effective date of April 4, 2016. The Commission also voted unanimously to deny the request for waiver. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the revised TCR rate factors and revised tariff sheet set forth above are approved effective April 4, 2016; and it is further

ORDERED, that MidAmerican's request for waiver is denied.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11th day of April, 2016.

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>Karen E. Cremer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>4/11/16</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner