

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR) THE APPROVAL OF ITS PROPOSED) ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN FOR 2016)	ORDER APPROVING MODIFIED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN FOR 2016 GE15-004
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On November 20, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) that included the company's proposed Energy Efficiency Plan for 2016. Specifically, MidAmerican requested the Commission approve the following modifications to its Energy Efficiency Plan for 2016: 1) the inclusion of furnaces and ground source heat pumps in the residential gas and electric equipment programs, with rebates set at the 2015 Energy Efficiency Plan levels, and the associated budget changes, 2) the removal of clothes washer rebates from the residential equipment program, and 3) an increase in the nonresidential gas and electric equipment program budgets for furnaces and lighting.

On December 1, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 11, 2015, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were received. On December 16, 2015, MidAmerican filed its responses to the Commission staff's (Staff) first set of Data Requests. On December 18, 2015, Staff filed a Staff Memorandum.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.2, 49-34A-8.4, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 22, 2015, this matter came before the Commission for consideration and action. Staff recommended that the Commission approve MidAmerican's proposed modifications to its Energy Efficiency Plan for 2016. Finding that the modifications proposed by MidAmerican for its 2016 Energy Efficiency Plan meet the standards set forth in SDCL 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.2, and 49-34A-8.4 and that the 2016 Energy Efficiency Plan is just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve MidAmerican's modified Energy Efficiency Plan for 2016. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MidAmerican's modified Energy Efficiency Plan for 2016 is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of December, 2015.

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>12/29/2015</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner