

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY)
MIDWEST POWER TO INCREASE ELECTRIC)
RATES IN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)** **NOTICE OF AMENDED
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**
) **EL95-011**

On May 16, 1995, Midwest Power, a division of Midwest Power Systems, Inc. (Midwest) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application for approval to increase its rates for electric service.

The Company proposes a total increase of \$346,176. Midwest states the revised schedules would produce an annual increase in South Dakota electric revenue to Midwest of approximately 8.4% based on the test year ending December 31, 1994, as adjusted. The rate increase is proposed to become effective August 1, 1995, and will affect approximately 2,600 South Dakota electric customers. Midwest asserts the reasons for the proposed change in electric rates are increased operating expenses since Midwest's last general increase decided 2-24-84.

At a regularly scheduled meeting of May 30, 1995, the Commission reviewed Midwest's filing. The Commission found that it had jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-13, 49-34A-13.1, 49-34A-19, 49-34A-19.2, and 49-34A-21.

The Commission found that any individual or entity may file a petition to intervene pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1, 49-34A-13.1, and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 and .03, or may comment on the merits of Midwest's filing on or before June 30, 1995, and further ordered that pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8, Midwest was required to deposit up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in the South Dakota Public Utilities (SDPUC) rate case fund to defray hearing expenses incident to the application. The deposit is to be paid in installments when requested by the Executive Director.

The Commission also set the following procedural schedule:

September 1, 1995	Staff and Intervenors's Prefiled Testimony
September 15, 1995	Midwest's Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony (Optional)
September 27, 28, and 29, 1995	Hearing at a site to be determined

