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, 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 September 15, 1995

September 27, 28, and 29, 1995

Staff and Intervenors's Prefiled Testimony Midwest's Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony (Optional)

Hearing at a site to be determined

No parties have sought formal intervention.

Upon request of Commission Staff and upon their consultation with Midwest's staff a revised procedural schedule for briefing and a hearing on this matter shall be as follows:

DATE

September 22, 1995 October 6, 1995

November 1, 2, and 3, 1995

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff and Intervenors's Prefiled Testimony Midwest's Prefiled Rebuttal Testimony (Optional)

Hearing at a site to be determined

It is therefore

ORDERED that the procedural schedule set forth above shall be followed by all parties to these proceedings.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this <u>24</u> day of August, 1995.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: / City A. City Co.

Date:

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION: Commissioners Stofferahn, Burg, Schoenfelder

WILLIAM BULLARD, JR.

Executive Director