

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

**IN THE MATTER OF MIDAMERICAN ENERGY)
COMPANY'S PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF)
DEFERRED ACCOUNTING TREATMENT OF)
COSTS INCURRED RELATED TO MCCOOK)
LAKE FLOODING)
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**ORDER APPROVING
DEFERRED ACCOUNTING
TREATMENT**

NG24-013

On December 31, 2024, the South Dakota Commission received a filing from MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) for approval of deferred accounting treatment and the creation of a regulatory asset related to costs incurred due to the June 2024 flooding at and around McCook Lake. MidAmerican included with its petition, Attachment A, which outlines the established costs and cost categories in which they are seeking deferred accounting treatment. If approved by the Commission, MidAmerican will defer recognition of these costs, track costs in a regulatory asset, and may present the costs for recovery in a future gas rate case. On January 22, 2025, MidAmerican responded to staff's data request.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-12.

On January 2, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 17, 2025, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention.

On January 22, 2025, MidAmerican filed its responses to Staff's data requests. On February 25, 2025, Staff filed its memorandum regarding its recommendations for this docket.

At its regularly scheduled February 28, 2025, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended the Commission approve the Company's requests with the conditions recommended in Staff's Memorandum. The Commission voted unanimously to allow MidAmerican to use deferred accounting for costs incurred due to the June 2024 flooding at and around McCook Lake with the following conditions:

1. The deferred accounting method and the resulting creation of a regulatory asset shall not preclude Commission review of these amounts and any future cost recovery for reasonableness and prudence, including both rate filings by MidAmerican and rate reviews initiated by the Commission, and does not guarantee any such recovery.

2. The allowance for deferred accounting and the resulting creation of a regulatory asset in this docket is based on the facts of this case, and any future deferred accounting method and the resulting creation of a regulatory asset for any other costs not related to this current docket must be approved by the Commission.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that MidAmerican is allowed to use deferred accounting for costs incurred

due to the June 2024 flooding at and around McCook Lake with the following conditions:

1. The deferred accounting method and the resulting creation of a regulatory asset shall not preclude Commission review of these amounts and any future cost recovery for reasonableness and prudence, including both rate filings by MidAmerican and rate reviews initiated by the Commission, and does not guarantee any such recovery.

2. The allowance for deferred accounting and the resulting creation of a regulatory asset in this docket is based on the facts of this case, and any future deferred accounting method and the resulting creation of a regulatory asset for any other costs not related to this current docket must be approved by the Commission.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of March 2025.

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.
By: <u><i>Kristie Fiegen</i></u>
Date: <u>3-4-25</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairperson

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner