

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY)
FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS)
NATURAL GAS RATES)**

**ORDER SUSPENDING
OPERATION OF PROPOSED
RATES; ORDER ASSESSING
FILING FEE; ORDER
AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO
CONSULTING CONTRACTS**

NG26-006

On August 19, 2026, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) for approval to increase rates for natural gas service to customers in its South Dakota service territory by approximately \$8.9 million based on MidAmerican's test year ending December 31, 2025. MidAmerican states a typical residential natural gas customer using 51 therms per month would see an increase of \$3.83 per month. The proposed changes may potentially affect approximately 115,000 South Dakota natural gas customers.

On August 20, 2026, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing with an intervention date of September 25, 2026, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. As of the date of this order, no petitions to intervene or comments had been filed.

SDCL 49-34A-14 authorizes the Commission to suspend the operation of the proposed rates for 180 days following the date on which the proposed rates were filed. SDCL 49-1A-8 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to \$500,000 in the Commission's Regulatory Assessment Fee fund to defray Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon an application to increase rates as part of a general rate case.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1A, 49-34A and ARSD 20:10:13.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 8, 2026, the Commission considered this matter. In accordance with Commission Staff's request, the Commission voted unanimously to assess MidAmerican a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 up to the statutory limit of \$500,000 for expenses related to the general rate case and to suspend the operation of the schedule of rates proposed by MidAmerican pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-14 for 180 days after the Application filing date of August 19, 2026. The Commission further voted unanimously to authorize the executive director to enter into necessary consulting contracts. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MidAmerican shall be assessed a filing fee in an amount up to the statutory limit of \$500,000 for expenses related to the general rate case, with payments made to the Commission's Regulatory Assessment Fee fund as periodically billed by the Commission. It is further

ORDERED, that the proposed schedule of rates shall be suspended for 180 days after the Application filing date of August 19, 2026, pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-14. It is further

ORDERED, that the executive director shall have the authority to enter into necessary consulting contracts.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of September 2026.

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: Kristie Fiegen
Date: 10 Sept 2026

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner