

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF )  
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR )  
DETERMINATION OF ITS ENERGY COST )  
ADJUSTMENT FACTOR AS APPLIED TO )  
REPOWERED WIND FACILITIES )**

**ORDER APPROVING  
DETERMINATION OF ENERGY  
COST ADJUSTMENT FACTOR  
AS APPLIED TO REPOWERED  
WIND FACILITIES**

**EL17-040**

On September 29, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) for determination of its energy cost adjustment factor as applied to repowered wind facilities. MidAmerican is currently in the process of repowering up to 706 existing wind turbines, which will qualify for new production tax credits (PTCs) under guidance from the IRS. With this filing, MidAmerican requests a ruling identifying that the new PTCs will not be subject to the provisions of MidAmerican's energy cost adjustment tariff.

On October 5, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 20, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-25. On November 8, 2017 and December 13, 2017, MidAmerican responded to staff's data requests.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 19, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the determination that the new PTCs resulting from the repowering of up to 706 existing wind turbines are not subject to the provisions of MidAmerican's ECA tariff, subject to the condition that such approval shall not preclude Commission review of the project, including project and cost management and accounting data and methods, review of the prudence and reasonableness of rate recovery in any determination of rates (including rate filings by MidAmerican or rate reviews initiated by the Commission), and that it does not guarantee any such rate recovery. Finding the determination to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the determination with the conditions as outlined by staff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MidAmerican's request for a determination that the new PTCs resulting from the repowering of up to 706 existing wind turbines are not subject to the provisions of MidAmerican's ECA tariff is hereby approved, subject to the condition that such approval shall not preclude Commission review of the project, including project and cost management and accounting data and methods, review of the prudence and reasonableness of rate recovery in any determination of rates (including rate filings by MidAmerican or rate reviews initiated by the Commission), and that it does not guarantee any such rate recovery.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2017.

**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: Karen E. Cremer

Date: 12/21/17

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Eiegen  
KRISTIE EIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner