

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR) REVISIONS
APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS ELECTRIC)
AND GAS TARIFFS) GE97-003**

On November 12, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) requesting approval of changes in its tariff sheets for both its Gas and Electric tariffs. The application stated: "MidAmerican proposes to eliminate one of its budget payment plans effective January 1, 1998. MidAmerican is planning to eliminate its Budget Plus Plan, a budget plan which pays interest on the average daily credit balance in the customer's account. MidAmerican will retain its standard Budget Plan. The customers currently on the Budget Plus Plan will be sent a customer letter on the elimination of this service. On December 31, 1997, MidAmerican proposed to automatically switch all Budget Plus electric and gas customers to the standard Budget Plan, which does not pay interest. Any balances in the customer's existing plan will also be transferred to the standard Budget Plan." The tariffs are proposed to become effective January 1, 1998. MidAmerican filed the following tariff sheets:

South Dakota Electric Tariff:

SDPUC Section No. 5, 1st Revised Sheet No. 13

South Dakota Gas Tariff:

SDPUC Section No. V, First Revised Sheet No. 19

At its duly noticed meeting of December 18, 1997, the Commission considered the application. The Commissioners deferred the docket to allow MidAmerican to answer in writing a number of questions that arose regarding this matter. On February 24, 1998, at a duly noticed meeting, the Commission again considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A. The Commission found the tariff changes are just and reasonable and approved the revised tariffs. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that MidAmerican's aforementioned tariffs are approved and shall be effective for service rendered on and after the date of this order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of February, 1998.

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: Maureen Kalls

Date: 3/2/98

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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