

## Natural Gas Orders - Issued 1997

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN</b>	) ) )	<b>ORDER APPROVING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN  NG96-023</b>
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On December 30, 1996, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application for approval of its 1996 economic development report and its 1997 economic development budget.

On September 28, 1995, a Settlement Stipulation was entered into between Staff of the Commission and MidAmerican. On October 17, 1995, the Commission voted to approve the Settlement Stipulation. As a part of the Settlement Stipulation, the parties agreed that MidAmerican will, on an annual basis beginning January 1, 1996, submit for Commission approval a filing which describes the cost, design and benefit of MidAmerican's economic development programs. This application was made pursuant to this settlement.

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, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-13, 49-34A-19, 49-34A-19.2 and 49-34A-21.

After its review, the Commission finds that the plan is just and reasonable and shall be approved. It is therefore

ORDERED that MidAmerican's 1997 Economic Development Plan and its report of its 1996 economic development activities shall be approved as filed; it is further

ORDERED that MidAmerican shall file a 1997 economic development report with respect to the programs incorporated in the above-mentioned plan with the Commission when MidAmerican files for approval of its 1998 economic development plan.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of February, 1997.

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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.

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER,  
Commissioner

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