

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )</b>	<b>PETITION TO EXTEND</b>
<b>MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR )</b>	<b>SUSPENSION OF</b>
<b>AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES FOR )</b>	<b>IMPOSITION OF TARIFF</b>
<b>NATURAL GAS SERVICE )</b>	<b>NG98-011</b>

On November 23, 1998, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican), filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application to increase natural gas rates in South Dakota. The application seeks an overall increase in rates in the amount of \$3,218,414 or approximately 6.5%. The Company requested a change in rate to become effective for billings after December 23, 1998. On December 9, 1998, the Commission suspended the proposed schedule of rates for 90 days beyond December 23, 1998.

The Commission, pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-14, is authorized to further extend the suspension of the tariffs being imposed in this docket.

The Staff of the Commission hereby Petitions the Commission for an extension of the suspension of the tariffs being imposed in this docket through May 24, 1999. As grounds for this Petition, Staff represents to the Commission that it is in the process of analyzing this filing, that it has not completed that work, and that the docket is scheduled for hearing on April 19 through 21, 1999. Sufficient time is needed to prepare for the hearing.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 1999.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of Petition to Extend Suspension of Imposition of Tariff was served on the following by mailing the same to her by United States Post Office First Class Mail, postage thereon prepaid, at the address shown below on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 1999.

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