

Natural Gas Orders - Issued 1999

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 RATES FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICE)))))	ORDER EXTENDING SUSPENSION OF IMPOSITION OF TARIFF NG98-011
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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 rates to become effective for billings after December 23, 1998.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, including 1-26-18, 1-26-19, 49-34A-2, 49-34A-3, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.1, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-13, 49-34A-13.1, 49-34A-14, 49-34A-16, 49-34A-17, 49-34A-19, 49-34A-19.1, 49-34A-19.2, 49-34A-20, 49-34A-21, 49-34A-22, and 49-34A-23.

A December 7, 1998, meeting, the Commission suspended the operation of the schedule of rates proposed by MidAmerican for 90 days beyond December 23, 1998, pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-14. On March 11, 1999, Commission Staff filed a Petition with the Commission requesting that the suspension of the tariff be further extended through May 24, 1999. MidAmerican responded with a filing that it did not object to the extension. A regularly scheduled March 25, 1999, meeting, the Commission considered this matter and voted unanimously to grant the extension sought by Commission Staff; it is therefore

ORDERED, that the proposed schedule of rates shall be suspended through May 24, 1999, pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-14.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of March, 1999.

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: _____

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Date: _____

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER,
Commissioner

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