

**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 GRANTING  
INTERVENTION  
  
NG04-001**

On April 2, 2004, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican), filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval to increase rates for natural gas service in its service territory by \$1,559,963 or approximately 1.5% of pro forma test year revenue. MidAmerican states the proposed increase for an average residential customer would be approximately \$2.50 per month. The proposed rates may potentially affect approximately 73,100 customers in MidAmerican Energy Company's service territory in southeastern South Dakota. On May 14, 2004, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) filed a Petition for Intervention in this docket.

At its regularly scheduled May 24, 2004, meeting, the Commission considered the Petition for Intervention. The Commission finds that pursuant to its authority under SDCL 1-26-17.1 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 and .03, the petition was timely filed and demonstrates good cause for granting intervention. The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, specifically 1-26-17.1, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-13.1 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 and .03. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Northern shall be granted intervention and shall be considered a party in this matter.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of June, 2004.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>	
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:	<u>Delaine Kolbo</u>
Date:	<u>6/3/04</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner