

**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 TARIFF REVISIONS ) NG04-003**

On June 1, 2004, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from MidAmerican Energy Company requesting approval of revised interruptible gas tariffs. MidAmerican's Small Volume Interruptible and Large Volume Interruptible natural gas sales tariffs currently contain language which would have them expire on June 26, 2004. This expiration was the result of the Commission's Order in Docket NG02-003 which directed MidAmerican to file a plan with the Commission to phase out interruptible natural gas tariffs within a two year time period. In this docket, coincident with the proposed tariff revisions, MidAmerican is filing a 2004 Interruptible Gas Rate Plan which is proposed to address the Commission's concerns in Docket NG02-003. In the Gas Rate Plan, MidAmerican proposes to retain interruptible rates but to change the methodology used in the applicable purchased gas adjustment so as to increase these rates. MidAmerican's Plan also proposes to add new optional rates for customers, including those who may wish to switch rates as a result of the increase to interruptible rates. The new Gas Rate Plan is proposed to become effective 60 days after the effective date of tariffs approved in MidAmerican's current rate increase proceeding NG04-001. The interruptible tariff changes which are the subject of this order replace the current tariff expiration date of June 26, 2004, with the proposed effective date of the 2004 Interruptible Gas Rate Plan which is 60 days after the effective date of the tariffs approved in NG04-001. MidAmerican has requested that these tariff revisions be approved with less than 30 days notice. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Gas Sales Tariff  
SD P.U.C. Section No. III

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 14  
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 15

Canceling Fourth Revised Sheet No. 14  
Canceling Fourth Revised Sheet No. 15

At its regularly scheduled meeting of June 22, 2004, the Commission discussed final approval of the above tariff revisions. Commission Staff recommended approval of the revisions to the tariff sheets.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-2, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, and 49-34A-10 and ARSD 20:10:17:03. The Commission finds the revisions are just and reasonable and approves the changes. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the above-referenced revised tariffs are approved and are effective for service rendered on and after June 26, 2004, and that this docket shall remain open pending the Commission's decision on the Interruptible Gas Rate Plan.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

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