

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR)
APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS)
REGARDING FARM TAP SERVICE)**

**ORDER APPROVING
CUSTOMER AGREEMENT**

NG17-011

On July 24, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a letter from MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) requesting a docket be opened to consider a proposal that would allow MidAmerican to provide services to a number of farm tap customers connected to an interstate pipeline owned and operated by Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), as a result of discussions between MidAmerican and Commission Staff (Staff). The tariff revisions proposed by MidAmerican allow it to provide service to existing farm tap users currently receiving certain services from NorthWestern Corporation dba NorthWestern Energy (NorthWestern), pursuant to a contractual arrangement between Northern and NorthWestern, which will expire December 31, 2017.

On July 27, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 31, 2017, to interested entities and persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene were filed. Comments were received from a number of persons. On August 23, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Approving Tariff Revisions on Less than 30 Days' Notice. On September 6, 2017, MidAmerican filed an Application for Approval of Customer Agreement.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, and ARSD 20:10:13:20 and 20:10:13:21.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 12, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the customer agreement. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the request for approval of the customer agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MidAmerican's request for approval of the customer agreement is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of September, 2017.

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| 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, electronically or by mail. |
| By: <u>Adam DeHuelle</u> |
| Date: <u>9/15/17</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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KRISTIE EIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner