

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY ) ORDER GRANTING WAIVER  
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR )  
APPROVAL OF A WAIVER OF 49 C.F.R. PART ) PS07-003  
192.285(a)(2) AND 49 C.F.R. PART 192.285(c) )

On September 28, 2007, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) for approval of a permanent waiver of 49 C.F.R. Part 192.285(a)(2) and 192.285(c). MidAmerican requested a waiver of Part 192.285(c) to allow it to re-qualify its employees by an alternate means of assuring qualifications for persons making joints.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 18, 2007, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the waiver.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34B. The Commission further finds that the filing is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of a waiver is hereby approved and that the waiver requested is granted and MidAmerican shall be required to follow the alternate qualification procedures and standards set forth in paragraph 4 of the Request for Waiver, which are incorporated herein by reference.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.

<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>          Melaine Kolbo          </u>
Date: <u>          1/8/08          </u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

          Dustin M. Johnson            
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

          Gary Hanson            
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

          Steve Kolbeck            
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner