

**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)	
)	NG00-003

On March 27, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) proposing to revise its Gas Sales and Gas Transportation Tariffs. According to the filing, the revisions will permit MidAmerican to reorganize its rates and provide greater pricing flexibility to all of its sales and transportation customers when they are presented with competitively priced service alternatives. MidAmerican is proposing to (1) remove references to rate minimum and maximums in present sales and transportation rates, (2) consolidate all rates with minimum and maximum rate levels in two tariffs, one pertaining to sales rates, the other to transportation rates, and (3) provide the same minimum and maximum pricing flexibility to all customer classes when they are faced with competitive options. Presently, only rates applicable to larger customers are structured with a minimum and maximum level. MidAmerican is requesting a May 1, 2000, effective date. The revised tariffs are as follows:

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

Third Revised Sheet No. 1 Cancels Second Revised Sheet No. 1
Second Revised Sheet No. 13 Cancels First Revised Sheet No. 13
Second Revised Sheet No. 15 Cancels First Revised Sheet No. 15
Second Revised Sheet No. 26 Cancels First Revised Sheet Nos. 26-29
Second Revised Sheet No. 27 Cancels First Revised Sheet Nos. 26-29
Second Revised Sheet Nos. 28-29 Cancels First Revised Sheet Nos. 26-29

South Dakota Gas Transportation Tariff, SD P.U.C. Section No. III-A

Second Revised Sheet No. 3 Cancels First Revised Sheet No. 3
Third Revised Sheet No. 5 Cancels Second Revised Sheet No. 5
Third Revised Sheet No. 6 Cancels Second Revised Sheet No. 6
Third Revised Sheet No. 7 Cancels Second Revised Sheet No. 7
First Revised Sheet No. 8 Cancels Original Sheet Nos. 8-10
First Revised Sheet Nos. 9-10 Cancels Original Sheet Nos. 8-10

At its regularly scheduled meeting of April 27, 2000, the Commission considered this matter. A number of issues were raised. MidAmerican requested time to file additional language to its tariffs to clarify the issues. The matter was therefore deferred. At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 17, 2000, the Commission again considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval with the addition of language that was added to the tariffs.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, and 49-34A-25. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revisions with the additional language recommended by Staff. 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 above mentioned proposed tariffs are approved and are effective for service rendered on and after May 1, 2000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of May, 2000.

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:	<u><i>Delsine Kalbo</i></u>
Date:	<u>5/25/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner