BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS ORDER APPROVING INTERRUPTIBLE GAS RATE PLAN NG04-003

On June 1, 2004, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed an Interruptible Gas Rate Plan with the Commission as a 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. This plan proposes to address the Commission's concerns expressed in Docket NG02-003. In the Gas Rate Plan, MidAmerican proposes to retain interruptible rates but to change the methodology used in determining them 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 rate increase proceeding NG04-001, which is November 29, 2004. The new and revised tariffs proposed by MidAmerican are:

South Dakota Gas Tariff: SD P.U.C. Section No. I

Seventh Revised Sheet No. 1

Cancels Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1

South Dakota Gas Sales Tariff: SD P.U.C. Section III

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 1 Seventh Revised Sheet No. 14 Original Sheet No. 14.10 Seventh Revised Sheet No. 15 Fourth Revised Sheet No. 16 Third Revised Sheet No. 28 Third Revised Sheet No. 29

South Dakota Gas Transportation Tariff: SD P.U.C. Section III-A

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 3 Second Revised Sheet No. 14 Second Revised Sheet No. 15 Second Revised Sheet No. 16 Second Revised Sheet No. 17 Second Revised Sheet No. 18 Second Revised Sheet No. 19 Cancels Fourth Revised Sheet No. 1 Cancels Sixth Revised Sheet No. 14

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At its regularly scheduled meeting of October 12, 2004, the Commission discussed approval of the interruptible gas rate plan. Commission Staff recommended approval of the interruptible gas rate plan, effective November 29, 2004, with the condition that any customer in the process of converting over to the proposed rates and showing good cause why they are not able to complete

the process by November 29, 2004, be given the time necessary, on an individual case basis, to complete the process of changing rates before being served the default firm service rate.

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 approved the interruptible gas rate plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the interruptible gas rate plan is approved, effective November 29, 2004, with the condition that any customer in the process of converting over to the proposed rates and showing good cause why they are not able to complete the process by November 29, 2004, shall be given the time necessary, on an individual case basis, to complete the process of changing rates before being served the default firm service rate.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of October, 2004.

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.

Βv Date:

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

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