

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSIDERATION)
OF THE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND) Docket No. NG09-006
SECURITY ACT OF 2007)

**PETITION TO INTERVENE
OF
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY**

MidAmerican Energy Company (“MidAmerican”) hereby petitions the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) to permit MidAmerican to intervene in this proceeding, and in support of its Petition states as follows:

1. On December 19, 2007, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 was signed into law (“EISA”). Certain provisions of EISA amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (“PURPA”) to mandate certain considerations by state regulatory agencies. Section 532(b) of EISA amends Section 303(b) of PURPA to consider natural gas policies related to Energy Efficiency and Rate Design Modification to Promote Energy Efficiency Investments.

2. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-93, and the EISA. At its October 6, 2009, meeting, the Commission considered how to proceed with the new PURPA standards for natural gas. The Commission found that the affected utilities are the rate regulated investor owned utilities and also decided that this docket will encompass all of the affected utilities and will address the natural gas standards.

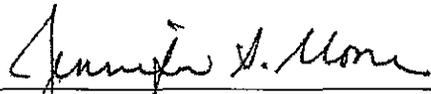
3. MidAmerican is an investor-owned, rate regulated public utility serving electric customers in the State of South Dakota. As an electric and natural gas utility serving customers in South Dakota, MidAmerican is an affected utility subject to the new PURPA standards. MidAmerican wishes to intervene in order to participate as necessary in the determination by the Commission of the PURPA Standards. MidAmerican's interests in this proceeding are unique and cannot be fully and adequately represented by the existing parties. MidAmerican and its customers will be directly affected by the issues raised in this proceeding and the outcome of the proceeding.

WHEREFORE, MidAmerican respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition and allow it to intervene and be granted status of a party to this proceeding.

DATED this 16th day of October, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned does certify that the foregoing Petition to Intervene has been served this day upon the following in accordance with the rules of the Public Utilities Commission.

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