

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR)
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES FOR)
NATURAL GAS SERVICE)

ORDER EXTENDING
SUSPENSION OF
IMPOSITION OF TARIFF
NG01-010

On September 24, 2001, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican), filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application to increase natural gas rates in South Dakota. The application seeks an overall increase in rates in the approximate amount of \$3,697,000 or approximately 5.6%. The Company requested a change in rates to become effective for billings on and after October 27, 2001. On October 10, 2001, the Commission suspended the proposed schedule of rates for 90 days beyond October 26, 2001. On January 24, 2002, Commission Staff recommended that the suspension of the tariff be further extended for 60 days or until the entry of the final order of the Commission.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, including 1-26-18, 1-26-19, 49-34A-2, 49-34A-3, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.1, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-13, 49-34A-13.1, 49-34A-14, 49-34A-16, 49-34A-17, 49-34A-19, 49-34A-19.1, 49-34A-19.2, 49-34A-20, 49-34A-21, 49-34A-22, and 49-34A-23.

At its January 24, 2002, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. MidAmerican concurred with Staff's recommendation. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the extension sought by Commission Staff. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the proposed schedule of rates shall be further suspended for 60 days or until the entry of the final order of the Commission, whichever occurs first, pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-14.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of January, 2002

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| (OFFICIAL SEAL) | |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner