

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	FINAL DECISION AND
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR)	ORDER
APPROVAL OF CONTINUATION OF THE)	
IGSPP FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE-YEAR)	NG98-010
PERIOD, OR UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ITS)	
PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT MAY BE)	
ELIMINATED, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST)	

On October 30, 1998, MidAmerican Energy (MidAmerican) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application for approval to continue its Incentive Gas Supply Procurement Program (IGSPP). The Commission had approved a three year IGSPP beginning on November 1, 1995, on an experimental basis. MidAmerican requested that the program be continued.

MidAmerican and Commission Staff filed prefilled testimony. On June 15, 1999, the Commission issued an Order for and Notice of Hearing that established a procedural schedule. The procedural schedule set a hearing date of July 7, 1999. On July 2, 1999, the Commission, upon application of MidAmerican's counsel and concurrence by Commission staff counsel, suspended the procedural schedule and cancelled the scheduled hearing to allow the parties further time to negotiate settlement. On August 11, 1999, MidAmerican and Commission staff filed a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and a Settlement Stipulation which had been reached between them.

No parties sought formal intervention.

On August 17, 1999, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission voted to approve the Settlement Stipulation.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-13, 49-34A-19, 49-34A-19.2 and 49-34A-21.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Settlement Stipulation entered into between MidAmerican and Commission Staff on August 11, 1999, and which is incorporated herein by reference, shall be approved; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that this docket shall be closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of August, 1999.

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: *Nelsine Kalbo*

Date: 8/27/99

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner