

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. WRU-97-14-156
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**ORDER CLOSING DOCKET AND TERMINATING
REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

(Issued March 21, 2000)

On June 8, 1997, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for waiver of 199 IAC 19.5(2) regarding cathodic protection of natural gas pipelines to prevent corrosion. MidAmerican requested the Board allow it to operate approximately one mile of 12-inch steel natural gas pipeline in the downtown Des Moines area that was scheduled for replacement without cathodically protecting the pipe. On September 10, 1997, the Board issued an "Order Granting Waiver" and directed MidAmerican to file quarterly reports concerning the status of pipe replacement and provide the results of system safety monitoring during the duration of the waiver.

On January 21, 2000, MidAmerican filed its report for the last quarter of 1999. In the report, MidAmerican stated the final sections of zone #246 were replaced with plastic mains and services in December 1999.

The Board has reviewed the report and finds the work completed on this system since September 10, 1997, has eliminated all previous areas of non-

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compliance with Board rules. Therefore, the Board will close Docket
No. WRU-97-14-156 and terminate the requirement to file quarterly reports.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. WRU-97-14-156 is closed and the reporting requirement
terminated effective the date of this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 21st day of March, 2000.