

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RPU-02-2
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ORDER ESTABLISHING DATE FOR BRIEFS

(Issued September 26, 2002)

On July 15, 2002, all parties to this proceeding, except for Keith E. Meyer, filed a "Settlement Agreement" proposing to settle all outstanding issues with regard to the permanent rate increase request filed by MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican). The settlement, if approved, would allow MidAmerican to increase natural gas rates by approximately \$17,746,034. On August 14, 2002, Mr. Meyer filed his protest of the settlement as required by 199 IAC 7.2(11)"c." The Utilities Board (Board) issued an order on August 30, 2002, scheduling a hearing on September 16, 2002, for cross-examination on the two issues of material fact contested by Mr. Meyer. Those issues are the appropriate return on common equity for MidAmerican and the rate disparities between MidAmerican's east and west zones.

The hearing was held as scheduled and at the close of the hearing Mr. Meyer requested to file a brief concerning the two contested issues. The Board granted the request and stated that briefs would be due ten days after the transcript of the

proceeding was provided to the parties. The Board has been advised that the transcript was delivered to MidAmerican and Mr. Meyer on September 24, 2002. The briefs are therefore due on October 4, 2002.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Simultaneous briefs as described in this order shall be filed on or before October 4, 2002.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 26th day of September, 2002.