

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RPU-02-10
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ORDER MODIFYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

(Issued February 11, 2003)

On February 3, 2003, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a motion to modify the procedural schedule issued January 21, 2003, in Docket No. RPU-02-10. The procedural schedule established April 30, 2003, as the date for an evidentiary hearing. MidAmerican's expert witness on return on equity and double leverage, Dr. James H. Vander Weide, will be out of the country on that date. MidAmerican asks that Dr. Vander Weide and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice's (Consumer Advocate) witnesses on the issues addressed by Dr. Vander Weide be rescheduled to April 17 and 18, 2003.

Counsel for MidAmerican states that he has contacted counsel for Consumer Advocate and the other intervenors, Ag Processing Inc. (Ag Processing) and Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL), and that there are no objections to the motion. IPL and Ag Processing are not yet certain if they will have witnesses addressing return on equity and double leverage. If they do, IPL and Ag Processing

will attempt to have these witnesses available April 17 and 18 for cross-examination. However, if this time frame does not work for these witnesses, they will be cross-examined at the hearing beginning April 30.

In addition, Consumer Advocate specifically reserves the right to cross-examine MidAmerican's other witnesses regarding the impact of ratemaking principles they sponsor on return on equity and to cross-examine MidAmerican witness Foster on double leverage. MidAmerican states it will not object to Consumer Advocate's questioning of MidAmerican's witnesses on April 30 regarding the impact of its proposed ratemaking principles on the risk confronted by MidAmerican.

The Board will grant the motion. The Board understands that currently MidAmerican witness Vander Weide and Consumer Advocate witnesses Sheila Parker, Greg Vitale, and Dr. David Habr will be subject to cross-examination on the issues of return on equity and double leverage on April 17 and 18, 2003. If Ag Processing or IPL have witnesses on these issues, they should notify the Board as soon as possible whether these witnesses would be subject to cross-examination on April 17 and 18 or beginning April 30. In addition, the Board reserves the right to recall any of the witnesses cross-examined on April 17 and 18 if it becomes necessary in light of evidence received at the April 30 hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The procedural schedule in Docket No. RPU-2-10 is modified to the extent discussed in this order and as follows: A hearing shall be held beginning April 17, 2003, at 9 a.m., for the purpose of receiving testimony and the cross-examination of testimony from MidAmerican's and Consumer Advocate's witnesses on return on equity and double leverage. Other intervenors may also present witnesses on these subjects on that date. The hearing shall be held in the Board's hearing room at 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069.

2. All other aspects of the procedural schedule remain unchanged. The hearing will reconvene on April 30, 2003, for receiving testimony and cross-examination of all other witnesses not subject to cross-examination on April 17 and 18, including any intervenor witnesses on the subjects of return on equity and double leverage who were not available on those dates.

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 11th day of February, 2003.