

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RPU-05-4
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ORDER CANCELLING HEARING

(Issued March 31, 2006)

On December 16, 2005, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for determination of ratemaking principles pertaining to MidAmerican's proposed 2006-2007 wind power expansion project. MidAmerican said it had not yet determined the ultimate nameplate size and location for the project, but it will be installed in more than one location. In addition to ratemaking principles for the wind power project, MidAmerican also asked for approval for a one-year extension of the existing revenue sharing plan through the year 2012. A stipulation and agreement with the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice is part of the filing.

On January 4, 2006, the Board issued an order requiring additional information. MidAmerican filed responses on January 12, 2006. Because the Board determined the responses were not sufficiently comprehensive, a technical conference was held on January 26, 2006. On February 2, 2006, MidAmerican filed additional information as a result of the discussions at the technical conference.

The Board determined that with the February 2, 2006, filing, there was sufficient information to proceed with MidAmerican's application for ratemaking principles. The Board issued a docketing order on February 16, 2006; among other things, the order scheduled a hearing beginning April 11, 2006.

The docketing order also granted the petition to intervene filed by the Iowa Farmers Union (IFU). On March 6, 2006, the IFU filed a withdrawal of its request for hearing, which had been part of its petition to intervene. The IFU said it had reached an agreement with MidAmerican to facilitate the opportunity of small community-based wind projects to make sales to MidAmerican. Also on March 6, MidAmerican filed a motion to cancel the hearing.

After reviewing the additional information, the Board determined it had two additional areas of inquiry. On March 14, 2006, the Board issued an order requiring additional information related to the costs of the project and value to MidAmerican's customers. The Board said in that order it would rule on the motion to cancel hearing after the additional information was filed. MidAmerican filed the requested additional information on March 17, 2006.

Because none of the parties requests a hearing, the Board will grant MidAmerican's motion and cancel the hearing scheduled for April 11. When the Board has completed its review of all the information submitted by MidAmerican, including the most recent filing on March 17, 2006, the Board will either reschedule the hearing or proceed to rule on the merits of the stipulation and settlement.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The hearing scheduled for April 11, 2006, in Docket No. RPU-05-4 is cancelled.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 31st day of March, 2006.