

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. WRU-07-7-156
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ORDER GRANTING WAIVER

(Issued March 22, 2007)

On March 6, 2007, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for waiver of 199 IAC 20.11, which provides that each electric utility is to inform its customers of the importance of reducing their consumption of electricity during hours of peak demand. MidAmerican specifically asked that it be granted a waiver of the peak alert rules for calendar years 2007 and 2008, including a waiver of the requirement to file an annual report on April 1 and the requirement to deliver a notice to customers between May 1 and June 15. No objections to the waiver request were filed.

The Board granted MidAmerican similar waivers for calendar year 2004 (Docket No. WRU-04-18-156) and calendar years 2005 and 2006 (Docket No. WRU-05-11-156). MidAmerican, in its current filing, said the reasons for the waiver request remain unchanged. In support of its earlier requests, MidAmerican said that it is making significant additions to its generation and transmission systems in Iowa. MidAmerican in its current filing provided an update and said its new coal plant is nearing completion, 99 MW of wind generating capacity were added in December

2006, 123 MW of wind generating capacity is scheduled for completion in 2008, and MidAmerican's revenue freeze remains in place.

MidAmerican believes it is important to reassure customers that MidAmerican has sufficient generation and transmission resources and that the peak alert notice could result in unnecessary confusion and concern. Particularly because MidAmerican has a revenue freeze in place, it is concerned that the peak alert notice would convey conflicting messages to customers. The peak alert notice indicates that conservation may delay the need for construction of facilities, when in fact MidAmerican is building significant generation now. The notice also indicates that conservation may delay future rate increases, when in fact MidAmerican has a revenue freeze in place.

The Board agrees that language in the peak alert notice regarding delaying the need to build generating facilities or buy additional power could be confusing to customers in light of the publicity surrounding MidAmerican's recent generation investments, which include coal, gas, and wind-powered facilities. Any additional language might increase confusion and send a mixed message to customers. The Board will grant the waiver for calendar years 2007 and 2008. The standards for a waiver contained in 199 IAC 1.3 have been satisfied.

As it has done in prior orders, the Board encourages MidAmerican to continue to educate customers about the benefits of energy efficiency programs that conserve energy throughout the year, not just at times of peak usage. MidAmerican, in its

current waiver request, confirmed that it had satisfied the Board's request and attached examples of its efforts in 2005 and 2006.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

MidAmerican Energy Company is granted a waiver of 199 IAC 20.11 for the calendar years 2007 and 2008.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Curtis W. Stamp

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 22nd day of March, 2007.