

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. EEP-08-2
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**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTIONS AND  
REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAR**

(Issued June 30, 2008)

On June 10, 2008, Community Energy Solutions, Iowa Farmers Union, and Physicians for Social Responsibility (the Coalition) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition to intervene in Docket No. EEP-08-2, which deals with MidAmerican Energy Company's (MidAmerican) proposed new energy efficiency plan. On June 12, 2008, the Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS) filed a petition to intervene in the docket. On June 13, 2008, the Industrial Employers (IE) filed a petition to intervene. On June 18, 2008, the Iowa Environmental Council, Environmental Law & Policy Center, and the Sierra Club (Environmental Group) filed a petition to intervene. No objections to any of the petitions were filed.

In support of its petition, the Coalition states its three members are energy, environment, and public health advocacy groups with an interest in energy efficiency measures. The Coalition notes that Community Energy Solutions is an Iowa nonprofit organization representing the interests of over 4,000 Iowans in promoting energy efficiency and renewables; the Iowa Farmers Union has approximately 1,200

Iowa farmers and other members supporting renewable energy; and the Physicians for Social Responsibility represents about 1,000 Iowa health professionals and supporters striving to protect the public health, which the group believes can be impacted by global warming.

In support of its petition, the DPS states that in its capacity as Iowa State Building Code Commissioner it is charged with the adoption and enforcement of energy conservation standards. The petition notes that funding for training of state and local code officials is not adequate and asks that funds from MidAmerican's energy efficiency plan be designated for such training.

In support of its petition, IE states that it is an ad hoc group currently consisting of Ag Processing Inc and Gerdau Ameristeel, two large customers of MidAmerican. IE notes that the outcome of MidAmerican's energy efficiency docket could have a substantial impact on the rates of IE customers.

In support of its petition, the Environmental Group states that its interests are unique because of its member groups' interests in the environment and holding down the costs of electricity. The petition notes the Iowa Environmental Council represents about 70 diverse non-profit organizations with environmental, conservation, clean energy, and natural resource protection missions; the Environmental Law & Policy Center is a public interest environmental advocacy organization; and the Sierra Club has approximately 6,000 members in Iowa who are impacted by energy efficiency programs.

The petitions to intervene will be granted. The Coalition, DPS, IE, and the Environmental Group have each demonstrated a unique interest in this docket that should be represented.

Accompanying the petition to intervene filed by the Environmental Group was a request for permission to appear filed by Robert Kelter. Mr. Kelter is a senior attorney with the Environmental Law & Policy Center and is licensed to practice law in another state, but not Iowa. Attached to the request is an appearance of Iowa counsel for purposes of service of process pursuant to Iowa Supreme Court rule 31.14. The request for permission to appear will be granted.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The petition to intervene filed by Community Energy Solutions, Iowa Farmers Union, and Physicians for Social Responsibility on June 10, 2008, is granted.
2. The petition to intervene filed by the Iowa Department of Public Safety on June 12, 2008, is granted.
3. The petition to intervene filed by the Industrial Employers on June 13, 2008, is granted.
4. The petition to intervene filed by the Iowa Environmental Council, Environmental Law & Policy Center, and the Sierra Club on June 18, 2008, is granted.

5. The request for permission to appear filed by Robert Kelter on June 18, 2008, is granted.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Darrell Hanson

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.