

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. EEP-08-2
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**ORDER SUSPENDING HEARING AND ALLOWING IMPLEMENTATION**

(Issued October 24, 2008)

On October 23, 2008, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican), the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice, Industrial Employers, Sierra Club, Iowa Environmental Council, Environmental Law and Policy Center, Community Energy Solutions, Iowa Farmers Union, and Physicians for Social Responsibility filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a joint motion to suspend the hearing in Docket No. EEP-08-2, which is scheduled to begin October 27, 2008, and allow MidAmerican to implement and track all program costs and savings of its energy efficiency plan on January 1, 2009, subject to the terms of the final Board order in Docket No. EEP-08-2.

In support of the motion, the parties state that they are in the process of settling most of the issues in this docket and would like more time to continue discussions; the parties indicate an agreement will be filed with the Board no later than October 31, 2008. The parties note that suspending the hearing will also allow for a settlement conference and the filing of comments pursuant to 199 IAC 7.18(2) and (3) in the event of a non-unanimous settlement agreement. The parties do not know at this time if they will require a hearing, but state the hearing could be

rescheduled to allow the Board time to review the settlement agreement and any comments.

The Board will grant the motion and suspend the hearing. A new hearing date, if required, will not be set until after the settlement agreement is filed and the Board determines what issues, if any, remain contested. The Board will also allow MidAmerican to begin implementing and tracking all program costs and savings of its new energy efficiency plan on January 1, 2009, subject to the final Board order in this docket. Allowing implementation on January 1, 2009, will ensure continuation of energy efficiency programs for MidAmerican's customers.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The hearing scheduled for October 27, 2008, is suspended. Any new hearing date will be set by subsequent order.
2. MidAmerican shall implement and track all program costs and savings of its new energy efficiency plan on January 1, 2009, subject to the final Board order in this docket.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.