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## **Iowa Utilities Board approves settlement agreement, with modifications, in MidAmerican Energy electric rate case**

(Des Moines) – The Iowa Utilities Board today approved a settlement agreement, with some modifications, in MidAmerican Energy Company’s electric rate case, [Docket No. RPU-2013-0004](#), which will allow for permanent rate recovery of \$135.5 million in additional revenue, to be phased-in over three years.

The [settlement](#) maintains the \$45.2 million annual revenue increase that was already applied after the Board approved the first phase as temporary rates on August 15, 2013, and grants revenue increases of \$45.15 million in both 2015 and 2016, with the implementation of the second and third phases of the \$135.5 million revenue increase. MidAmerican residential customers experienced an average bill increase of approximately \$2.73 per month during the first phase under temporary rates. The settlement terms will not allow MidAmerican to seek another electric rate increase in Iowa prior to January 1, 2018, unless its return on equity for any year from 2015-2017 is projected to fall below 10 percent.

The settlement was negotiated by the Office of Consumer Advocate, which represents the general interests of consumers, and MidAmerican. The Environmental Law and Policy Center/Iowa Environmental Council entered into the settlement only with respect to Article XVI dealing with light emitting diode (LED) street lighting.

As originally proposed by MidAmerican and included in the settlement, electric rates will also be equalized across MidAmerican’s Iowa service territories over the next ten years with individual customer rate impacts varying by customer class, rate zone and electric usage levels. MidAmerican will also continue its existing customer revenue sharing program, which can help reduce the rate burden on customers in future cases.

Today’s public decision announcement is not final and the Board has the discretion to alter or reverse its decision on the issues. Today’s verbal decision of the Board will only become final when a written order is issued on or before March 17, 2014. The decision order for this rate case will be issued and posted to the Board’s electronic filing system at <http://efs.iowa.gov>.

Prior to today’s decision, the Board received written public comments in this rate case, held eight consumer comment meetings across MidAmerican’s Iowa electric service territory, and conducted an evidentiary hearing in Des Moines.

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