

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>MONTANA MIKE'S STEAKHOUSE; BUENA VISTA COUNTY COURTHOUSE; BUENA VISTA COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER; AVOCA SUPER FOODS; R&L FOODS; LOFFREDO FRESH PRODUCE; MULHOLLAND GROCERY; SCOTT'S FOODS, STORAGE & DESIGN; CAPITAL CITY FRUIT; and ARTI, LLC,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Complainants,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">vs.</p> <p>MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Respondent.</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. FCU-2014-0015 (C-2014-0123, C- 2014-126, C-2014-0127, C-2014-0128, C-2014-0129, C-2014-0130, C-2014-0131, C-2014-0132, C-2014-0141, C-2014-0142, C-2014-0145)</p>
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**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY
FILED JANUARY 23, 2015**

(Issued March 2, 2015)

On January 23, 2015, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for confidential treatment of certain customer information filed on January 23, 2015, as part of Schedules B and C to Exhibit ____ (CBR-1). The information for which confidential treatment is sought includes customer-specific information related to customer account numbers and usage in excel format. MidAmerican supported the request for confidentiality with an affidavit

by a corporate officer. The material for which confidentiality was requested was filed separately and marked confidential. MidAmerican cited Iowa Code §§ 22.7(3) and 22.7(6) (2013) as authority for confidential treatment of the data.

MidAmerican claims the information is a report to a governmental agency that, if released, would give advantage to competitors and serve no public purpose and, therefore, should be held confidential pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7(6).

MidAmerican states disclosure of the customer load information could harm MidAmerican's ability to operate safely and at the lowest possible cost. Also, disclosure of the information could cause customers to question how their information is treated by MidAmerican.

The information in question qualifies as a report to a government agency. Based on the affidavit submitted by MidAmerican, release of such information serves no public purpose. Therefore, the Board will hold the information confidential pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7(6).

The filed information may also be confidential as a trade secret pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 22.7(3) and 550.2(4). However, because the Board finds the information should be held confidential under Iowa Code § 22.7(6), the Board does not reach the question of whether the information is a trade secret or a communication not required by law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The request for confidentiality filed by MidAmerican Energy Company on January 23, 2015, is granted.

2. The information shall be held confidential by the Board subject to the provisions of 199 IAC 1.9(8)"b"(3).

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

/s/ Nick Wagner

ATTEST:

/s/ Joan Conrad
Executive Secretary

/s/ Sheila K. Tipton

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 2nd day of March 2015.