

**STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES DIVISION
BEFORE THE IOWA UTILITIES BOARD**

ARTI, LLC,

Complainant,

v.

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY,

Respondent.

DOCKET NO. FCU-2014-0016

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

COMES NOW Arti, LLC (“*Arti*”) and, pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7 and 199 IAC 1.9(6), requests that the Iowa Utilities Board (“*Board*”) issue an order granting confidential treatment to the confidential version of the initial brief Arti has filed this same day. In support of its request, Arti states:

1. This same day Arti has filed its initial brief in this docket.
2. Two versions of Arti’s initial brief have been submitted: a confidential version and a redacted public version.
3. The confidential version of Arti’s initial brief includes extremely sensitive information about Arti’s business and operations that Arti strictly maintains on an extremely secure, confidential, and proprietary basis.
4. Accordingly, the Board should find and determine that the confidential version of Arti’s initial brief contains confidential information in the form of trade secrets and

commercially sensitive information that may and should be held confidential pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7(3) and 199 IAC 1.9(5)“a”(1).

5. The Board should also find that the confidential version of Arti’s initial brief constitutes a report to a government agency that, if released, would give advantage to competitors and serve no public purpose, and accordingly may and should be held confidential pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7(6) and 199 IAC 1.9(5)“a”(3).

6. In compliance with 199 IAC 1.9(6)“b”, the affidavit of Todd Christopher Carpenter, Manager of Arti, LLC, is attached in support of this request.

WHEREFORE, Arti respectfully requests that the Board issue an order granting confidential treatment to the confidential version of Arti’s initial brief.

Dated October 26, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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