

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. TF-2016-0323
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**ORDER DOCKETING TARIFF FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND  
SETTING DATES FOR COMMENTS AND RESPONSES**

(Issued September 27, 2016)

On July 19, 2016, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order in Docket No. NOI-2014-0001, directing Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) and MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) to file pilot net metering tariffs implementing temporary, yet specific, tariff changes that will be effective for a three-year study period. Specifically, the provisions of the new tariffs were to 1) increase the net metering cap from 500 kW to 1 MW, up to 100 percent of a customer's load, 2) allow all customer classes to net meter to offset energy charges, and 3) provide an annual cash-out of excess credits at the utility's avoided cost rate with the cash-out to be split between the customer and the utilities' programs for customers in need.

On August 31, 2016, MidAmerican filed its compliance tariff, referred to as Rate PG Pilot tariff and identified as TF-2016-0323.

On September 9, 2016, Luther College filed comments regarding MidAmerican's Rate PG Pilot tariff. Revised comments were filed by Luther College on September 12, 2016.

On September 20, 2016, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), a division of the Iowa Department of Justice, and the Environmental Law & Policy Center (ELPC), Iowa Environmental Council (IEC), Sierra Club, Iowa Solar Energy Trade Association (ISETA), Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), and Vote Solar (collectively Environmental Commenters) filed comments objecting to MidAmerican's proposed tariff. OCA and the Environmental Commenters assert in their comments that the proposed tariff is not consistent with the Board's intent to expand renewable distributed generation in Iowa.

The Board has considered the comments filed by Luther College, OCA, and the Environmental Commenters and finds that MidAmerican's proposed tariff should be docketed for further investigation. The Board would like to hear from any other interested persons regarding the proposed tariff on or before October 21, 2016. MidAmerican may file responses to all comments on or before November 18, 2016. Following the Board's review of any additional comments and MidAmerican's response, the Board will determine whether a procedural schedule should be established.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The proposed Rate PG Pilot tariff, identified as TF-2016-0323, filed by MidAmerican Energy Company on August 31, 2016, is docketed for further investigation.

2. Any interested person may file comments regarding TF-2016-0323 on or before October 21, 2016.

3. MidAmerican Energy Company may file a response to all comments on or before November 18, 2016.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Geri D. Huser

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

ATTEST:

/s/ Trisha M. Quijano  
Executive Secretary, Designee

/s/ Nick Wagner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.