

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>ARTI, LLC,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">COMPLAINANT,</p> <p>V.</p> <p>MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">RESPONDENT.</p>	<p style="text-align:right">DOCKET NO. FCU-2014-0016 (C-2014-0145)</p>
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**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY
FILED MARCH 15, 2016**

(Issued April 13, 2016)

On October 23, 2014, Arti, LLC (Arti), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an informal complaint against MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) identified as File No. C-2014-0145. The complaint concerned the rates for electric service provided by MidAmerican to Arti. On August 18 and September 15, 2015, the Board conducted hearings addressing the Arti complaint. On March 7, 2016, the Board entered its "Order Addressing Complaints" and ordered MidAmerican to file a compliance report on or before March 15, 2016.

Pursuant to the Board's order, MidAmerican filed its compliance report on March 15, 2016. At that time MidAmerican filed an Application for Confidential Treatment with respect to the compliance report. MidAmerican states that the

compliance report contains specific customer information related to customer information redacted in testimony or disclosed during closed hearing.

MidAmerican asserts that the information consists of trade secrets of MidAmerican and the customer, which are recognized and protected by law, may be protected from public disclosure pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7(3). In addition, MidAmerican asserts that the information constitutes a report to a government agency which, if released, would give advantage to competitors and serve no public purpose. MidAmerican attached an affidavit from a corporate officer to support the request for confidential treatment and filed the information as confidential in the Board's electronic filing system.

The Board will grant the request to hold the customer-specific information as confidential. The Board has granted confidential treatment to similar customer-specific information in this docket and other dockets. The information will be held as confidential pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7(6) as a report to a government agency which, if released, would give advantage to competitors and serve no public purpose. The Board need not address whether the information is also protected as trade secrets pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7(3) since the request for confidential treatment has been granted pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7(6). Requests for public disclosure of the information for which confidentiality is granted in this order will be subject to the provisions of 199 IAC 1.9(8)(b)(3).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The "Application for Confidential Treatment" filed by MidAmerican Energy Company on March 15, 2016, is granted pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7(6).
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/ Geri D. Huser

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

ATTEST:

/s/ Trisha M. Quijano
Executive Secretary, Designee

/s/ Nick Wagner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 13th day of April 2016.