

**IOWA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES DIVISION**

MINUTES OF THE UTILITIES BOARD

A decision meeting was held on February 5, 2016, commencing at 9:02 a.m. in the Iowa Utilities Board Hearing Room, 1375 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Board Members attending were Chair Geri Huser, Libby Jacobs, and Nick Wagner.

The Board considered: Docket Nos. FCU-2015-0003 Arti, LLC and Pinnacle Engineering, LLC v. MidAmerican Energy Company, FCU-2014-0016 Arti, LLC v. MidAmerican Energy Company, and RPU-2014-0002 MidAmerican Energy Company.

After discussion, Board Member Jacobs moved to direct Board General Counsel to prepare an order denying the complaint of Arti and Pinnacle in Docket No. FCU-2015-0003 and explaining why the Board determined Clause E of MidAmerican's compliance tariffs was implemented in accordance with its decision in MidAmerican's last rate case in Docket No. RPU-2014-0002. Board Member Wagner seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

In Docket No. FCU-2014-0016 Arti, v. MidAmerican, Board Member Wagner moved that Arti should receive two separate billings rather than the one billing Arti requested while citing its facilities network connections. Board Member Jacobs seconded the motion for an order stating the evidence indicates two separate facilities that should require two separate billings, which the Board unanimously approved. Board Member Jacobs also motioned that the order include rates for Arti electric service based on Arti Cross-Exhibit 1 and that MidAmerican rebill Arti under those generic rates to account for the appropriate phase-in and equalization factors. Board Member Wagner seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

MidAmerican had asked the Board to clarify the disbursement of its \$2 million per year energy adjustment clause (EAC) obligation to customers ordered in Docket No. RPU-2014-0002. Board Member Wagner said the Board, based on its analysis of costs and benefits during the ratemaking principles case, had determined it was reasonable to reduce risk to customers by requiring MidAmerican to provide a \$2 million credit once 50 Megawatts of its (Wind IX) Project was completed. He said whether the 50 Megawatts had been in operation for a full year was not a factor and when 50 Megawatts of the project was achieved, the automatic credit was to be applied. Board Member Jacobs agreed, saying the Board felt the full \$2 million payment would be made in 2015. She said the 50-Megawatt benchmark should trigger the payment followed by a 12-month cycle afterward. Board Member Wagner moved that the decision order specify that MidAmerican's \$2 million payment be credited to customers in 2015 and be included in MidAmerican's EAC over/under calculation for the next EAC year. Board Member Jacobs seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

In other business, Chief Operating Officer Cecil Wright provided an update regarding the Board's upcoming deliberations on the Dakota Access oil pipeline in Docket No. HLP-2014-0001.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m. Recorded by Rob Hillesland.

Approved at the April 21, 2016, Board meeting.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Geri D. Huser
Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Trisha M. Quijano
Executive Secretary, Designee