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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: Katina Haloulos Baker, Administrative Law Judge

DATE: May 29, 2012

SUBJECT: MidAmerican Energy Company
Petition for Order Recommending Delineation of
Transmission and Local Distribution Facilities.

RECOMMENDATION: Enter Order granting Petition.

MidAmerican filed a Verified Petition for an Order recommending delineation of transmission and local distribution facilities with the Commission.

Pursuant to notice as required by law and the rules and regulations of the Commission, a prehearing conference was held on January 31, 2012 and a hearing was held on March 6, 2012, before a duly authorized Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) of the Commission at its offices in Chicago, Illinois. Applicant and Commission Staff appeared at both.

Pursuant to a 1998 Delineation Order it was generally determined that non-radial 345 kV and 161 kV facilities should be classified as transmission and that all 68 kV facilities should be classified as local distribution. Since then a number of factors have affected the power flows. In 2011 MidAmerican re-analyzed the power flows across its electrical system while still conforming to the parameters set forth in the 1998 case. The results of this analysis were that MidAmerican would continue to classify all 345 kV and 161 kV non-radial electric system as transmission and also classify 69 kV non-radial electrical system as transmission. Additionally, substation components with voltages of 345 kV and 161 kV are classified as transmission as long as such components are either located within a substation that is classified as 100% transmission or are located in a combination substation and connect to lines classified as transmission. Substation components with voltages of 69 kV are classified as transmission as long as such components are located in a substation with at least three 69 kV transmission lines connecting to it. Therefore, the Company requests that the Commission recommend to FERC the revised 2011 Delineation. MidAmerican claims that this revised Delineation still conforms to the seven-factor test as set forth in the 1998 Delineation and should thus be accepted.

Staff, participated in this Docket and has no objection to this petition.

Accordingly, I recommend that the Commission enter the attached Order.

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