

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of )  
MidAmerican Energy Company for Renewal of ) Case No. 00-1786-EL-CRS  
its Certification as a Retail Electric Service )  
Provider. )

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On September 3, 2004, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed an application for renewal of its certification as a competitive retail electric service provider and a motion for a protective order to keep Exhibit C-5 (forecasted financial statements) of its renewal application confidential and not part of the public record.
- (2) The Commission issued Renewal Certificate 00-009 to MidAmerican on October 20, 2004.
- (3) In its motion, MidAmerican states that the information contained in Exhibit C-5 contains confidential financial forecasts and credit ratings which are generally not disclosed to the public. MidAmerican also contends that disclosure of this information could harm MidAmerican by providing its competitors with proprietary information in what is designed by statute to now be a competitive service. In addition, MidAmerican argues that the non-disclosure of the information will not impair the purposes of Title 49 and the Commission and its staff have full access to the information in order to fulfill its statutory obligations.
- (4) Upon review, the examiner finds that, pursuant to Rule 4901-1-24(D), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), MidAmerican's request for a protective order to maintain under seal Exhibit C-5 of the renewal application should be granted. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 4901-1-24(F), O.A.C., this protective order will automatically expire 18 months after the date of its issuance. Extensions of the protective order may be requested by filing an appropriate motion at least 45 days in advance of the expiration date of the existing order. Accordingly, the docketing division should maintain under seal the information set forth in Exhibit C-5 of MidAmerican's renewal application for a period of 18 months from the date of this entry.

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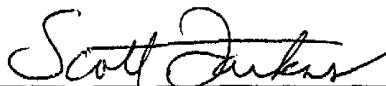
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That MidAmerican's motion for a protective order be granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the docketing division continue to maintain under seal the information set forth in Exhibit C-5 of MidAmerican's renewal application for a period of 18 months from the date of this entry. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry should be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



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Attorney Examiner

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Renee J. Jenkins  
Secretary