

**STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
IOWA UTILITIES BOARD**

IN RE:

**MIDAMERICAN
ENERGY COMPANY**

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DOCKET NO. RPU-2018-0003

**REPLY TO MOTION TO MAKE PUBLIC A PORTION OF
HEARING TRANSCRIPT**

MidAmerican Energy Company (“MidAmerican” or “Company”) hereby files its reply to the September 3, 2019 motion of the Environmental Law & Policy Center (“ELPC”), Iowa Environmental Council (“IEC”) and Sierra Club (collectively, the “Moving Parties”), wherein the Moving Parties request that the Iowa Utilities Board (“Board”) make public certain parts of the transcript of the October 12, 2018 hearing in this docket.

1. The Moving Parties’ *Motion to Make Public a Portion of Hearing Transcript (Confidential)* (“Motion”) asks the Board to make public transcript page 196 line 2 through page 198 line 24, but keep confidential the second word on page 198 line 17.

2. MidAmerican objects to the Moving Parties’ Motion and requests that the Board deny the Motion.

3. On October 12, 2018, the Board conducted the evidentiary hearing in this docket with respect to MidAmerican’s application for ratemaking principles pertaining to its Wind XII project. In the course of that hearing it became obvious a closed session would be required to facilitate questioning of MidAmerican witness Tom Specketer. (Tr., p. 99, l. 22 – p. 100, l.7)

4. The Moving Parties’ Motion acknowledges the confidentiality of the second word on page 198, line 17 of the hearing transcript. (Motion, Section 3) However, there are other parts of the hearing transcript, for which public release is sought, that deal with the same sensitive information, in a more general fashion, as is contained in the word the Moving Parties grant is

confidential, to wit: Tr. p. 196, lines 2-7; p. 197, line 20 – p. 198, line 1; p. 198, line 15 after the word “action” through line 17 after the word “point.” To be consistent all of this testimony should remain confidential.

5. Moreover, MidAmerican would argue that all of the testimony, subject to the Motion, qualifies for confidential treatment under Iowa Code Sections 22.7 (3), (6) and (18).

6. The subject testimony is also seemingly irrelevant to any issue the Moving Parties might want to raise in the rate case of another utility. The subject testimony does not pertain to Interstate Power and Light Company’s rate case.

7. Moreover, the Moving Parties are fully able, without the subject testimony, to make the related arguments they apparently wish to make in the Interstate Power and Light Company electric rate case, Docket No. RPU-2019-0001. (See e.g., *In Re: Interstate Power and Light Company*, Docket No. RPU-2019-0001, Direct Testimony of Uday Varadarajan (ELPC/EIC witness), at page 32 lines 12-19 (August 1, 2019), in particular; and Direct Testimony of Paul Chernick (Sierra Club witness), at page 4 line 13 (August 1, 2019) through page 5 line 3, in particular.) The Moving Parties do not need the confidential Wind XII testimony addressed in their Motion.

WHEREFORE, MidAmerican respectfully requests that the Board deny the Motion of the Moving Parties for the reasons cited in this reply.

Dated this 10th day of September, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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