BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of MidAmerican Energy)	Application No. NG-0082
Services, LLC, Des Moines, Iowa,)	
seeking authority for a Competitive)	
Natural Gas Provider Certificate in)	AUTHORITY GRANTED
the State of Nebraska.)	
)	Entered: July 21, 2015

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed, MidAmerican Energy Services, LLC, Des Moines, Iowa (MidAmerican), seeks authority as a competitive natural gas provider (CNGP) in the State of Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in the *Daily Record*, Omaha, Nebraska, on June 5, 2015.

The deadline for filing a protest or petition for intervention was July 6, 2015. Because no protests or petitions for intervention are pending, the Commission may process this application by modified procedure, pursuant to the Commission Rules of Procedure, 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Ch. 1, Rule 018.03.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 66-1848 to 66-1849. Section 66-1849 provides in part:

The commission shall certify all competitive natural gas providers and aggregators providing natural gas services. In an application for certification, a competitive natural gas provider or aggregator shall reasonably demonstrate managerial, technical, and financial capability sufficient to obtain and deliver the services such provider or aggregator proposes to offer. The commission may establish reasonable conditions or restrictions on the certificate at the time of issuance.

In addition, Commission rules and regulations specify requirements for an application for authority as a CNGP. See, 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Ch. 9, Rule 011.

MidAmerican is a limited liability company and subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company with its principal office in Des Moines, Iowa. MidAmerican represents that its affiliate MidAmerican Energy Company-Unregulated Retail Services is engaged in the provision of competitive natural gas services. In support of its application, MidAmerican filed pro forma financials and its 10-K reports of MidAmerican Energy Company financials under seal. MidAmerican also provided a copy of its Certificate of Authority to Transact Business in Nebraska. No legal actions or formal complaints pertaining to the provision of competitive natural gas services were pending against MidAmerican within the twelve months prior to filing this application, nor has MidAmerican had a license or certificate to supply competitive natural gas service revoked, denied or withdrawn.

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In addition, MidAmerican submitted a roster of its management team, with information regarding years of experience and operational functions. MidAmerican also provided an affidavit of one of the officers, attesting to the accuracy of the information included in the application.

Commission Staff Accountant Steve Stovall submitted a Report on Regulatory Compliance indicating that the financial statements submitted provide evidence of adequate financial resources necessary to obtain and deliver the services that MidAmerican proposes to offer.

Based upon the information provided in the application and verified by affidavit, the Commission finds that the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 66-1848, 66-1849 and applicable Commission rules and regulations are met. MidAmerican's application for authority should be granted, and MidAmerican should be issued a certificate of authority as a competitive natural gas provider consistent with the conditions set forth in this order.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. NG-0082 be, and it is hereby, granted and MidAmerican Energy Services, LLC, is authorized to operate as a competitive natural gas provider within the State of Nebraska.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order be, and it is hereby made the Commission's official certificate of authority to furnish the service authorized herein as competitive natural gas provider.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 21st day of July, 2015.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Tim Schram

Executive Director