

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
Midwest Energy, Inc. for Authority to Cease)
Transacting the Business of a Natural Gas Public) Docket No. 15-MDWG- 593 -CCS
Utility in Certain Portions of Finney County,)
Kansas.)

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO CEASE SERVICE

Midwest Energy, Inc. ("Midwest" or "Applicant"), hereby requests the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Commission") grant it authorization to cease operating as a natural gas public utility in the following described territory, in said state, to wit:

Sections 7, 17 and 18, Township 25 South, Range 32 West,
Finney County, Kansas

In support of its Application, Midwest states:

1. Midwest Energy is a customer-owned Kansas corporation, in good standing, that operates on a not-for-profit cooperative basis. Prior to June 5, 2013, Midwest Energy was a Kansas natural gas public utility regulated under the provisions of K.S.A. 66-104 and 66-1,200 *et seq.* On June 5, 2013, Midwest Energy's natural gas operations were deregulated by the Commission pursuant to K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 66-104g.

2. Midwest Energy and Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills") have mutually agreed, subject to approval by the Commission, that as a matter of public convenience and necessity to better serve a natural gas customer, Black Hills should serve as the natural gas public utility in the following territory:


Sections 7, 17 and 18, Township 25 South, Range 32 West,
Finney County, Kansas

3. The territory described is currently within Midwest's service territory. "Exhibit A" provides a map of the territory identifying the areas Midwest Energy will transfer to Black Hills.

4. Black Hills will submit a corresponding Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Authority to Transact the Business of a Natural Gas Public Utility for the territory described in paragraph 2.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests the Commission authorize Midwest Energy to cease transacting the business of a natural gas public utility in the territory described in paragraph 2 of this Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERIFICATION
K.S.A. 53-601

STATE OF KANSAS)
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COUNTY OF SHAWNEE) ss:

I, Susan B. Cunningham, verify under penalty of perjury that I have caused the foregoing Application for Authority to Cease Service to be prepared on behalf of Midwest Energy, Inc., and that the contents thereof are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



Susan B. Cunningham

June 17, 2015