

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Mark Sievers, Chairman  
Ward Loyd  
Thomas E. Wright

In the Matter of Midwest Energy, Inc. Filing )  
Natural Gas Tariff Revisions Related to )  
Seasonal Billing and Bill Proration in ) Docket No. 12-MDWG-754-TAR  
Conjunction With the Installation of a New )  
Customer Information and Billing System. )

**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION TO  
THE CITIZENS' UTILITY RATEPAYER BOARD**

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. April 16, 2012, Midwest Energy, Inc. (Midwest) filed an Application seeking approval of natural gas tariff revisions related to seasonal billing.
2. Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) petitioned the Commission on April 18, 2012, to permit it to intervene in this proceeding.
3. CURB represents the interests of Kansas residential and small commercial ratepayers in utility proceedings. CURB Petition, ¶ 1. CURB stated that it has the discretion to intervene on behalf of the interests of residential and small commercial ratepayers in any utility proceedings before the Commission under K.S.A. 66-1223 *et seq.* CURB Petition, ¶ 2. CURB asserts that the rates paid and service received by the customers it represents will or may be affected by a Commission decision in this proceeding. CURB Petition, ¶ 4. Additionally, CURB stated that representation of CURB's interests in this proceeding by existing parties is or may not be adequate. CURB Petition, ¶ 6.
4. The Commission has broad discretion to grant a petition for intervention if it is in the interest of justice, if the intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the

proceedings, and if the party has stated facts demonstrating its legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 77-521; K.A.R. 82-1-225. Furthermore, at any time during a proceeding, the Commission may impose limitations on an intervenor's participation. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 77-521(c).

5. The Commission finds and concludes that CURB has met the requirements of K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 77-521 and K.A.R. 82-1-225 and should be granted intervention.

6. Counsel for CURB will be added to the mailing list. Service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record, as follows:

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7. In addition to counsel of record for CURB listed above, service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should also be delivered to CURB's other representatives:

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**IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:**

- A. CURB is granted intervention in the above captioned proceeding.
- B. The parties have fifteen days, plus three days if service is by mail, from the date the order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 77-529.
- C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary.

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Sievers, Chmn.; Loyd, Com.; Wright, Com.

Dated: MAY 11 2012



ORDER MAILED MAY 11 2012

Patrice Petersen-Klein  
Executive Director

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PLEASE FORWARD THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT (S) ISSUED IN THE ABOVE-REFERENCED DOCKET TO THE FOLLOWING:

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The Docket Room hereby certified that on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, it caused a true and correct copy of the attached ORDER to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the above persons.