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November 10, 1997

Mr. William Bullard, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Bullard:

MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) proposes to eliminate one of its budget payment plans effective January 1, 1998. MidAmerican is planning to eliminate its Budget Plus Plan, a budget plan which pays interest on the average daily credit balance in the customer's account. MidAmerican will retain its standard Budget Plan.

The customers currently on the Budget Plus Plan will be sent a customer letter on the elimination of this service. On December 31, 1997, MidAmerican proposed to automatically switch all Budget Plus electric and gas customers to the standard Budget Plan, which does not pay interest. Any balances in the customer's existing plan will also be transferred to the standard Budget Plan.

Attached are the revised electric and gas tariff sheets which eliminate the Budget Plus payment plan.

South Dakota Electric Tariff

SDPUC Section No. 5, 1st Revised Sheet No. 13

South Dakota Gas Tariff

SDPUC Section No. V, First Revised Sheet No. 19

The tariffs are proposed to become effective January 1, 1998.



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MidAmerican's proposal is based on a careful review which was undertaken during development of its new Customer Information system. Approximately 12,600 South Dakota electric and gas customers are currently enrolled in the Budget Plus program. The average interest paid in 1997 through October was approximately \$1 per customer. In comparison, the cost of customizing the new system to retain the Budget Plus accounting program was excessive.

Attached is a copy of the letter to be sent to participating customers upon approval of the revised tariff.

MidAmerican requests the Board's approval of this filing by December 15, 1997, with an effective date of January 1, 1998. This time frame will give our Billing Group the time to make the necessary changes to our existing billing system.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please call me at 712/277-7704.

Sincerely,


Marvin G. Sorensen
Gas Pricing Strategist

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Attachments (3)
cc: Greg Rislov



MidAmerican Energy Company
One RiverCenter Place
105 East Second Street
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December 1, 1997

Dear Valued Customer:

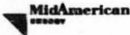
MidAmerican continually reviews its programs to provide better efficiencies for customers. After careful consideration, we have decided to discontinue the Budget Plus and Bonus 12 Budget Plans, which pay interest on the average daily credit balance in the customer's account. These plans will be discontinued, effective December 31, 1997. We will continue to offer our standard Budget Plan, which does not pay interest.

On December 31, your account will be switched to our standard Budget Plan. By participating in our standard Budget Plan, you can continue to level out your payments each month. Your due date will remain the same. If you pay your bill through an automatic bank deduction, your payment withdrawal date will remain the same.

Your monthly budget payment will continue to be reviewed semi-annually, as it has in the past. If you have recently received a message on your bill notifying you of a change in your monthly payment, that amount will become your new monthly budget payment amount. If you received no message on your bill, your monthly budget amount will remain the same as it has been in the past.

Please call 1-800-622-1003 with any questions you may have about Budget plans.

Sincerely,



MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY
P.O. Box 778
Sioux City, Iowa 51102

SOUTH DAKOTA GAS SALES TARIFF
SD P.U.C. Section No. V
First Revised Sheet No. 19
Cancels Original Issue Sheet No. 19

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Date Filed: November 10, 1997 Effective Date: January 1, 1998

Issued By: Brent E. Gale, Vice President
Law and Regulatory Affairs



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All residential and commercial customers may select a June anniversary month at any time and receive interest on any credit balances in the account. Simple interest will be paid at the rate of six percent (6%), which rate may be adjusted on January 1, and July 1, depending on short-term interest rate conditions. The amount of interest paid on the credit balance will be shown separately on the customer statement. A customer participating in this program may not maintain a credit balance in excess of estimated usage for the following twelve (12) months. The budget payment amount assessed under the plan in order to ensure reasonable accuracy, must be reviewed by the Company when a customer's debit balance exceeds two times the customer's average bill. In all other respects, the rules governing Budget Payment Plans are applicable to customers selecting a June anniversary month.

Date Filed: November 10, 1997 Sept 22, 1995 Effective Date: January 1, 1996 Nov 15, 1995

Issued By: **Brant E. Gale James J. Howard, Vice President**
Law and Regulatory Affairs Gas Administrative Services



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ELECTRIC TARIFF NO. 1
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Section No. 5
1st Revised Sheet No. 13
Canceling Original Sheet No. 13

CLASS OF SERVICE Credit and Collection - Customer Deposits

RECONNECTION

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Reconnection of a service which has been disconnected for nonpayment of customer's utility account:

During regularly scheduled working hours:	\$20.00
After hours, Sundays and Holidays:	\$30.00

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR) REVISIONS
APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO ITS ELECTRIC)
AND GAS TARIFFS) GE97-003

On November 12, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) requesting approval of changes in its tariff sheets for both its Gas and Electric tariffs. The application stated: "MidAmerican proposes to eliminate one of its budget payment plans effective January 1, 1998. MidAmerican is planning to eliminate its Budget Plus Plan, a budget plan which pays interest on the average daily credit balance in the customer's account. MidAmerican will retain its standard Budget Plan. The customers currently on the Budget Plus Plan will be sent a customer letter on the elimination of this service. On December 31, 1997, MidAmerican proposed to automatically switch all Budget Plus electric and gas customers to the standard Budget Plan, which does not pay interest. Any balances in the customer's existing plan will also be transferred to the standard Budget Plan." The tariffs are proposed to become effective January 1, 1998. MidAmerican filed the following tariff sheets:

South Dakota Electric Tariff

SDPUC Section No. 5, 1st Revised Sheet No. 13

South Dakota Gas Tariff

SDPUC Section No. V, First Revised Sheet No. 19

At its duly noticed meeting of December 18, 1997, the Commission considered the application. The Commissioners deferred the docket to allow MidAmerican to answer in writing a number of questions that arose regarding this matter. On February 24, 1998, at a duly noticed meeting, the Commission again considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A. The Commission found the tariff changes are just and reasonable and approved the revised tariffs. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that MidAmerican's aforementioned tariffs are approved and shall be effective for service rendered on and after the date of this order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of February, 1998.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By Allaine Kalko

Date 3/2/98

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner



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March 3, 1998

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Wiest:

On February 24, 1998, MidAmerican Energy Company agreed to provide informally a copy of the customer letter explaining the ending of the Budget Plus program, Docket No. GE-97-003.

Therefore, enclosed are three copies of the draft of the information letter MidAmerican intends to send to its Budget Plus participants explaining the discontinuance of this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karen M. Holzenga".

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Encl.



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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

April 1, 1998

Dear Valued Customer:

After careful consideration, MidAmerican has decided to discontinue the Budget Plus and Bonus 12 Budget Plans, which pay interest on the average daily credit balance in the customer's account. We will continue to offer our standard Budget Plan, which does not pay interest. These plans will be discontinued, effective with your May 1998 billing date. Interest will be paid on your average daily credit balance through your May 1998 billing date.

With your May billing, your account will be switched to our standard Budget Plan. By participating in our standard Budget Plan, you will continue to level out your payments each month. Your due date will remain the same. If you pay your bill through an automatic bank deduction, your payment withdrawal date will remain the same.

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Please call 1-800-622-1003 with any questions you may have about Budget plans or other billing options.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annette R. Julson".

Annette R. Julson
Manager Customer Service Administration



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March 6, 1998

Mr. William Bullard, Executive Director
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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: Tariff Revisions Docket No. GE 97-003

Dear Mr. Bullard:

On February 27, 1998 the South Dakota Public Service Commission approved the Electric and Gas Tariff Revisions in Docket No. GE 97-003 to become effective February 27, 1998.

Attached are the revised electric and gas tariff sheets filed in compliance with this order.

South Dakota Electric Tariff:

SDPUC Section No. 5, First Revised Sheet No. 13

South Dakota Gas Tariff:

SDPUC Section No. V, First Revised Sheet No. 19

These tariffs are effective February 27, 1998.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please call me at 712-277-7704.

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Gas Pricing Strategist

Attachments

cc: Camron Hoseck
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