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Patricia Van Gerpen Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

> Re: MidAmerican Energy Company's Status Update on the 2016 Program Costs for Energy Efficiency Plan Docket No. GE15-004

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On November 20, 2015, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) submitted its 2016 Energy Efficiency Plan Budget Update (2016 Plan Budget). The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) approved MidAmerican's 2016 Plan Budget on December 29, 2015. MidAmerican's goal is to deliver South Dakota energy efficiency programs within plus or minus 10% of the approved 2016 Plan Budget.

MidAmerican is filing this update because MidAmerican's custom gas and electric programs and nonresidential electric equipment program are experiencing more customer participation than anticipated for 2016. Based on preliminary reporting as of April 30, 2016, MidAmerican has spent 28% of its nonresidential electric and 31% of its nonresidential natural gas budgets. Additionally, MidAmerican has granted preapproval and reserved funding for nonresidential electric and gas projects totaling \$55,738.

Consequently, program participation has led to MidAmerican's 2016 actual spending and preapproval funding for projects installed in 2016 to exhaust the approved 2016 Plan Budget for the nonresidential electric equipment program and the electric and natural gas custom programs. Since program participation may fluctuate throughout the year, MidAmerican does not plan to file a request to increase 2016 nonresidential program funding at this time.

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MidAmerican will provide customer notification to all nonresidential customers that these specific nonresidential programs energy efficiency programs are suspended and that program incentives are not available at this time. MidAmerican's Exhibit A includes a sample of the customer notification, and MidAmerican plans on sending the notification later this month or early June.

The customer notices also explain that funding may become available later in 2016 as a result of some preapproved projects not completed as scheduled. MidAmerican will then use those budget dollars for the projects that were previously denied. Additionally, whenever possible MidAmerican will reallocate available dollars from other programs within the same customer class throughout the remainder of the year and use the reallocated budget dollars for projects or rebates that were previously denied. This will help minimize the number of customers not able to receive incentives for qualifying projects.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 563-333-8006.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jennifer S. Moore