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SD Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re: Docket CN09-001

Dear Public Utilities Commissioners:

Thank you for hearing my case. A hearing is scheduled in this matter for September 3, 2009. I appreciate the opportunity to better explain the facts, and my position. I will represent myself in this matter, as I can not afford to hire a lawyer. I trust you will stop me or correct me on September 3 if I do not follow proper procedure. Thank you in advance for your patience.

I moved into an apartment at 1210 S. Majestic View in Sioux Falls on March 21, 2007. I signed up for services with MidAmerican Energy at that time. I moved out of that apartment on June 8, 2007. While I believe I called to cancel services in June of 2007, I cannot specifically prove the call was made and MidAmerican does not have a record of such a call. I acknowledge I should have called MidAmerican if I did not and I recognize MidAmerican did nothing wrong by continuing to bill me for services provided at that address. I also understand that I owe MidAmerican money for the services I received and have not paid for.

MidAmerican continued to send bills to my new residence after June 2007. MidAmerican also left several automated messages regarding over due amounts after June 2007. I admit that I failed to communicate with MidAmerican. I did not have money at that time to pay my bill with MidAmerican. MidAmerican had no reason to know at that time I was no longer responsible for services at 1210 S. Majestic View.

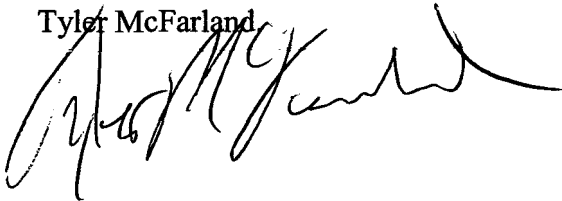
As I understand it, 1210 S. Majestic View was vacant for one month (June 8, 2007 through August 1, 2007). The owner of that property has an agreement with MidAmerican and agreed services should be placed in his name for that month. In August new tenants moved into 1210 Majestic View. Majestic View requires all new tenants show proof that utilities are in their name before they may move in. The new tenants received services and used services and did not pay for any MidAmerican services. MidAmerican continued to bill me until March of 2008. MidAmerican is still attempting to bill me for eight months of services that I did not use. MidAmerican can specifically identify who lived at 1210 S. Majestic after June of 2007 when I moved out.

I realize I was negligent when I failed to communicate with MidAmerican. I do not believe, however, my negligence is reason for me to be forced to pay eight months of someone else's utility services. I believe the person who used the services should pay for those services. I should pay for the months of my use and the new tenants should pay for their own usage.

I ask the PUC to please not dismiss my complaint and please require the proper tenants at 1210 S. Majestic View pay for the utilities they used. I would also like this outstanding bill removed from my credit report.

Thank you.

Tyler McFarland

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tyler McFarland", written in a cursive style.