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August 8, 2000

Electric Advice Letter No. 13

RECEIVED

William Bullard
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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Bullard:

The accompanying electric tariff sheet issued by MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) is transmitted to you for filing.

SDPUC Electric Tariff No. 1
Section No. 6

3rd Revised Sheet No. 2

Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 2

Proposed effective date: September 12, 2000

An original and ten copies of this Electric Advice Letter No. 13 and accompanying tariff sheet are submitted herewith. Please file stamp the enclosed additional copy and return in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

With this filing, MidAmerican proposes to update the back of its standard bill form, Sheet No. 2. The following changes are proposed:

- The customer service Internet address has been provided;
- The customer service e-mail address has been omitted, but can be obtained from the customer service Web site;
- The parenthetical reference to "TDD" has been eliminated under the assumption that customers using Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf know what the abbreviation "TDD" represents;
- The listing "Therms and Therm Factors" has been changed to "Therms, Therm Factors, and BTUs;"
- The explanation of the Pipeline Transport Charge has been expanded;
- The MidAmerican Energy Company Internet address at the bottom of the page has been provided in place of the MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company Internet address.

Sincerely,

GCS-ks
Enclosure

UNDERSTANDING YOUR BILL

At MidAmerican Energy, our goal is to provide the best service to our customers. Our friendly, caring associates are ready to assist you. If you have a question regarding your billing, service or any other issues, please call us toll-free, 24 hours a day, at 1-888-4ASKMEC (1-888-427-5632). If you prefer to conduct business electronically, a variety of online customer services are available at www.midamericanenergy.com/cust_service. Customers using TDD, please call 1-800-747-0593.

If you prefer to write us, please send your inquiries to:

MidAmerican Energy Company
Attn: Customer Service Quality
P.O. Box 8020
Davenport, IA 52808-8020

Date Due
Your bill is due and payable on or before the date shown on your bill. A late payment charge will be applied to accounts not paid by the date due.

Rate Code
This designates your gas or electric billing rate at MidAmerican Energy. Tariff and rate schedule information is available upon request.

Estimated Use
If we are unable to obtain an actual meter reading, the amount of the bill will be estimated based on past usage. Any necessary adjustments for an estimated bill will be made the next time your meter is read and will appear on the following bill.

Prorate Factor
The prorate factor adjusts for a billing period shorter or longer than normal.

Basic Service Charge
The monthly basic service charge covers fixed costs incurred to serve each customer, regardless of use.

KWH
A KWH is a unit of electric usage. One kilowatt-hour is the amount of electric energy used to keep one 100-watt light bulb burning for 10 hours.

Energy Charge
The energy charge reflects the cost of generating, transmitting and distributing electrical energy to you.

Energy Charge Adjustment
This adjustment reflects the cost of power plant fuel or purchased power.

CCF
Natural gas is measured by volume. One ccf represents 100 cubic feet of natural gas.

Pressure Factor
The pressure factor adjusts the metered gas usage to compensate for variations in metering and local atmospheric pressure.

Therms, Therm Factors and BTUs
We bill you on the number of therms of natural gas used because the heating value of a cubic foot of gas varies. The therm is a unit of constant heating value, and the therm factor converts volumes of gas used from cubic feet to therms. One therm equals 100,000 BTUs (British thermal units).

Delivery Charge / Distribution Charge
This charge covers the costs associated with distributing gas through our system to you.

Pipeline Transport Charge
This reflects the cost incurred to reserve capacity on the interstate pipeline system in order to deliver gas to you. If the pipeline transport charge is not a line item on your bill, it is included in the gas supply charge.

Gas Supply Charge
This charge reflects the cost of purchased natural gas.

Visit our web site at www.midamericanenergy.com

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

WEEKLY FILINGS

For the Period of August 3, 2000 through August 9, 2000

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CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT00-094 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Todd Huntimer on behalf of Global Polymer Industries, Inc., Arlington, South Dakota, against EqualNet Corporation Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services.

The complainant alleges that EqualNet Corporation (EqualNet) switched his long distance services without authorization in September, 1999. Complainant further alleges that he attempted to cancel EqualNet services in February, 2000, to no avail. Complainant is requesting that EqualNet be required to credit the charges for the calls as EqualNet had earlier promised it would do; to reimburse him for the amount paid them for the previous re-rate, the amount of \$70.27; and to compensate him for the time taken to resolve the matter or any other remedy allowable by law so EqualNet discontinues this practice.

Staff Analyst: Charlene Lund
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 08/08/00
Intervention Deadline: N/A

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Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC00-118 In the Matter of the Application of Uni-Tel Communications Group, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Uni-Tel Communications Group, Inc. is seeking a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange telecommunication services in South Dakota. The applicant intends to provide outbound and inbound telecommunication services, directory assistance services and calling card services through resale.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger
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TC00-119 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of a Third Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. and Qwest Corporation (Formerly U S WEST Communications, Inc.)

A third amendment to the interconnection agreement between McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. and Qwest Corporation (formerly U S WEST Communications, Inc.) has been filed with the Commission. The Commission approved the original interconnection agreement between the two providers in Docket TC99-057. The Third Amendment will add terms, conditions and rates for Load Coils/Bridge Taps and DS3 Capable Loop to the original agreement. Any party wishing to comment on the third amendment may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the amendment no later than August 28, 2000. Parties to the amendment may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the comments.

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Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 08/08/00
Intervention Deadline: 08/25/00

TC00-120 In the Matter of the Application of Telcorp, Ltd. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Telcorp, Ltd. is seeking a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange telecommunication services in South Dakota. The applicant is a switch-based reseller who intends to offer 1+ and 101XXXX outbound dialing, toll-free inbound dialing and travel card/calling card services.

Staff Analyst: Heather Forney
Date Docketed: 08/09/2000
Intervention Deadline: 08/25/00

TC00-121 In the Matter of the Application of Essex Communications, Inc. d/b/a eLEC Communications for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services, Including Local Exchange Services, in South Dakota.

Essex Communications, Inc. d/b/a eLEC Communications is seeking a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange and local exchange telecommunication services in South Dakota. The applicant intends to provide inbound and outbound resold long distance telecommunication services as well as facilities-based local exchanges services to residential and business customers in South Dakota.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger
Date Docketed: 08/09/2000
Intervention Deadline: 08/25/00

Notice of Agreement Between State Commissions and Qwest Communications To Conduct Collaborative Workshops to develop a Post-271 Entry Performance Assurance Plan and Notice of Opportunity to Participate.

See Attachment

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Date: August 8, 2000

TO: Interested Persons

SUBJECT: Notice of Agreement Between State Commissions and Qwest Communications To Conduct Collaborative Workshops to develop a Post-271 Entry Performance Assurance Plan and Notice of Opportunity to Participate.

In response to a request from ROC Chairman Ed Garvey and OSS Executive Committee Chairman Bob Rowe, the state commissions of 11 of the 14 states served by Qwest, formerly U S WEST Communications, Inc., agreed to participate in collaborative workshops to develop a Post 271 entry Performance Assurance Plan. In filings with most of the 14 States it serves, Qwest asked each state to consider the use of workshops or other collaborative processes for the consideration of at least some of the issues involved in the Company's current and future Section 271 filings. Qwest referenced the ROC 13 state regional testing of its Operational Support Systems (ROC OSS test), and indicated a desire to use regional or cooperative approaches in the consideration of some of the 14 point checklist items not addressed in the ROC OSS test.

An important aspect of 271 approval is the development of anti-backsliding incentives, or a post-271 performance plan. Such a plan developed in a multi-state forum would incorporate the performance measures already being developed in Qwest OSS testing efforts and would be designed to ensure the local market remains fully and irreversibly open after 271 approval has been granted. Furthermore, support for a regional post-271 performance plan effort has come from participants in the ROC OSS testing effort, due in part to the success that effort is currently having.

In its order approving Bell Atlantic's 271 application in New York, as well as its orders denying previous applications, the FCC has clearly indicated that a successful 271 application must have mechanisms in place to ensure that the efforts the RBOC has taken to open up the market are maintained after 271 approval. To date, the mechanism used in states reviewing 271 compliance has been performance assurance plans, or anti-backsliding plans. Such plans include performance requirements in a number of operational areas, including detailed descriptions of how such requirements are measured. They also identify the self-enforcing penalties to be imposed upon the company should it fail to meet the performance requirements.

Most, if not all, of the performance measurements that would be included in any post-271 performance plan duplicate those being developed in the ROC OSS test, which will provide a short-term, snapshot view of the company's performance. The post-271 performance plan will address ongoing performance, and whether the short-term performance demonstrated through the OSS tests is being maintained. In addition, regional collaboration on backsliding issues should foster many of the same benefits as the ROC OSS test including more uniform service standards within the Qwest region, more efficient use of state and industry staff resources, and increased cooperation among the various parties.

Qwest has agreed to pay for new contracts between participating ROC states and the consultants currently working on the ROC OSS test, MTG and NRRI, to conduct a multi-state process to develop a post-271 performance plan. These efforts would run in parallel to the OSS tests, but would be kept as separate work efforts, due to the different natures of the final products.

A process similar to that used by the OSS testing collaborative is proposed for establishing the post-271 performance plan. Drafting will begin with the identification of high level principles and work towards a detailed document that could be endorsed by the parties to the collaboration. Parties are encouraged to participate through open meetings, conference calls, and written comments. An aggressive but manageable timetable created with the assistance of the collaborative would govern the work. Finalization and implementation of the performance measures used in the ROC OSS test are nearing completion, and auditing of these measures in the ROC process has begun. The second effort, on performance assurance will begin this fall, with preliminary conference calls beginning in August, and run in parallel to the OSS testing efforts.

Although the ROC collaborative effort cannot bind state commissions, it is expected that Qwest, as well as state Commissions and CLECs participating in these workshops comment and negotiate in good faith with the expectation that any anti-backsliding or post-271 performance plan resulting from the collaborative process will be considered by the state commissions in Qwest's individual state 271 filings.

State commissions invite participation in this effort by all interested parties. For ease of administration, we encourage parties to consolidate their participation. If your organization is interested in participating in the collaborative, you should register at <http://psc.state.mt.us/scripts/porlist/post271-all.asp>. All fields must be completed. A welcome/ initial conference call for participants will be held on Monday, August 21, 2000 at 12:00 MDT. More information, including the call in number, will be sent to participants via an email distribution list that will be created from registrations to the web site.

If you have any questions, you may contact Bob Center, at bcenter@mtgconsulting.com, (530) 477-1770, Frank Darr, of NRRI, at darr.1@osu.edu, (614) 688-5473 or Wendy Fuller, wfuller@br.state.ut.us, (801) 530-6775.

1 The states that will participate are Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, Montana, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. New Mexico may monitor the process. Minnesota and Arizona declined the invitation to be involved at this time.

Consumer Complaints: 1-800-646-6150

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) ORDER APPROVING
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR) SAMPLE FORM TARIFFS
APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS)
)
EL00-022

On August 8, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) requesting approval for its electric tariff sheet changes. According to the filing, MidAmerican proposes to update the back of its standard bill form, Sheet No. 2. MidAmerican requested that the proposed tariff changes be made effective September 12, 2000. The revised tariff is as follows:

SDPUC Electric Tariff No. 1

Section No. 6, 3rd Revised Sheet No. 2, Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 2

At its regularly scheduled meeting of September 13, 2000, the Commission discussed final approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval of the bill format tariff sheet.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-2, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, and 49-34A-10 and ARSD 20.10.17.03. The Commission finds the bill format changes to the customers' bills are just and reasonable and approved the changes. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the above-referenced revised tariff schedule is approved and is effective for service rendered on and after the date of this order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of September, 2000

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: <u><i>Debra Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>9/20/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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October 11, 2000

Mr. Keith Senger
South Dakota Public Utilities
Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
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Dear Mr. Senger:

On August 8, 2000 MidAmerican Energy Company submitted 3rd Revised Sheet No. 2 updating the back of its standard bill form. This tariff filing was identified as Docket No. EL00-022. The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission approved the proposed tariff revision with an effective date of September 19, 2000. Enclosed is a copy of the final sheet approved by the Commission.

Sincerely,

GCS-ks
Encl.

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UTILITIES COMMISSION