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

In the Matter of the Consideration of the New PURPA Standards Re: Docket No. EL-08-028

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On June 19, 2009, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed comments in Docket No. EL08-028 pursuant to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) March 9, 2009, Scheduling Order. On August 14, 2009, Commission Staff filed testimony as directed by the Commission's Scheduling Order.

MidAmerican is submitting this letter in lieu of filing formal comments in response to the Commission Staff's testimony. MidAmerican appreciates the effort and time Commission Staff and other parties have made to address the new PURPA standards presented in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. MidAmerican agrees with the positions set forth by Commission Staff and other parties and does not have further comment regarding the issues presented by Commission Staff.

MidAmerican representatives will be made available to answer any additional questions or to provide any additional information that the Commission or Commission Staff may have in regards to the new PURPA standards presented in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

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