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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Docket No. EL09-012 Annual Report pursuant to the approved petition to include hedged fuel costs in the Electric Energy Cost Adjustment (EECA)

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican Energy) hereby submits the annual report covering hedging activities for calendar year 2016 as they relate to the Electric Energy Cost Adjustment in compliance with ordering clause (ii) of the Order issued in Docket No. EL09-012.

Request for Confidential Treatment:

Pursuant to Rule 20:10:01:41 et seq., MidAmerican Energy respectfully requests confidential treatment of the file identified in the filename as "Confidential" and also marked "Confidential".

MidAmerican Energy requests the confidential file be accorded confidential treatment for three years or such time as the Commission may deem reasonable. The confidential file contains information relevant to fuel cost and constitutes a trade secret and, if released, would result in material damage to MidAmerican Energy's competitive position or give advantage to competitors and serve no public purpose. If the competitors or customers have information of MidAmerican Energy's hedging strategies and results, this information would provide them with the competitive benefits of non-public knowledge of MidAmerican Energy's fuel procurement processes. In order for MidAmerican Energy to maintain reasonable electric rates for its customers, MidAmerican Energy maintains this information is confidential and constitutes a trade secret. The confidential material contains information, which if released to the general public, would give an unfair advantage to existing and potential fuel providers to MidAmerican Energy. National Parks and Conservation Association v. Morton, 498 F.2d 765, 768 (U.S.C.A. 1974).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (515) 281-2683 or <u>dlmandernach@midamerican.com</u>

Sincerely,

/s/ Dan Mandernach Associate Financial Trader