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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
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500 East Capitol Avenue
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Re: Docket No. EL10-003

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed please find MidAmerican Energy Company's Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned case.

Very truly yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

**In the Matter of the Request of Xcel Energy)
to Take Action Prohibiting the Operation of) DOCKET NO. EL10-003
Aggregators of Retail Customers in South Dakota)**

**PETITION TO INTERVENE
OF
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY**

MidAmerican Energy Company (“MidAmerican”) hereby petitions the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to permit MidAmerican to intervene in this proceeding, and in support of its Petition states as follows:

1. On March 1, 2010 Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation (“Xcel Energy”) submitted comments to the Commission recommending action prohibiting the operation of Aggregators of Retail Customers (“ARCs”) in South Dakota. On March 29, 2010, Xcel Energy requested that the Commission open a docket and take action in time to prevent the operation of ARCs in South Dakota before June 1, 2010.

2. MidAmerican is an investor-owned, rate regulated public utility serving electric customers in the State of South Dakota. As an electric utility serving customers in South Dakota, MidAmerican will be affected by any decision the Commission makes on this subject. MidAmerican wishes to intervene in order to be apprised of such issues of policy and to participate as necessary in their determination. MidAmerican’s interests in this proceeding are unique and cannot be fully and adequately represented by the existing parties. MidAmerican and

its customers will be directly affected by the issues raised in this proceeding and the outcome of the proceeding.

WHEREFORE, MidAmerican respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition and allow it to intervene and be granted status of a party to this proceeding.

DATED this 16th day of April 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned does certify that the foregoing Petition to Intervene has been electronically served this day upon the following in accordance with the rules of the Public Utilities Commission.

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