



**NOTICE OF ELECTRIC BASE RATE INCREASE**

Recently, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC) approved MidAmerican Energy Company’s first electric base rate increase since 1995. On XXXXX, 2015, the SDPUC authorized a rate increase of \$648,471, or 5.66 percent. This percentage is an annual average based on all revenue classes in our service territory.

This increase reflects the current costs of providing safe and reliable electric service to our customers’ homes and businesses as the day-to-day costs associated with delivering this service continue to rise. MidAmerican Energy is committed to remaining a low-cost electricity provider, controlling expense and helping our customers save money by using electricity efficiently.

Although the exact dollar amount will vary depending on a customer’s electric usage levels, a public authority customer’s bill will increase, on average, by less than 0.01 percent. The exact percentage that individual customers will see over a 12-month period is likely to vary from this average percentage and will fluctuate from month to month and seasonally based on a customer’s energy consumption and new rate structure.

The chart in this notice outlines the final rates approved by the SDPUC.

**INTERIM RATES REFUND**

Pending the SDPUC’s decision, MidAmerican Energy implemented its proposed electric base rates on an interim basis effective Feb. 1, 2015. Since the final rate increase is less than the interim rate increase, the difference will be refunded as a credit on your bill with 7 percent annual interest for electric service consumed from Feb. 1 through July 12, 2015. The refund will appear as a separate line item on your bill. It will be issued after Sept. 1, 2015.

**NEW BILL ITEMS**

MidAmerican Energy has renamed its rates, so you will see a new rate code (example - Rate: MWP) in the Electric Charges section of your bill. You will also see new line items on your bill. A Transmission Cost Recovery clause was added to our South Dakota electric customers’ bills to help cover increases in regional transmission costs. A Step Increase Adjustment Factor was applied to your bill for the purpose of phasing in the approved rate increase in two steps. This factor, which will reduce your bill by \$0.00167/kWh, will be in effect from July 13, 2015 until MidAmerican Energy places in service electric facilities currently under construction, which will occur no later than Dec. 31, 2015.

**SAVE SOME GREEN®**

To assist customers, MidAmerican Energy offers energy efficiency programs. Customers interested in reducing their energy usage should call 800-292-6448 or visit [www.midamericanenergy.com/ee](http://www.midamericanenergy.com/ee). Energy efficiency specialists will provide information on any rebates customers may qualify for and the programs they may want to implement in their business to help reduce energy usage.

For more information, call 888-427-5632, or visit [www.midamericanenergy.com/rates1.aspx](http://www.midamericanenergy.com/rates1.aspx) to view MidAmerican Energy’s electric tariffs for South Dakota.

**Electric Base Rates**

<b>Municipal Water Pumping</b>	<b>Prior Rate ABD</b>	<b>New Rate MWP</b>
Service Charge	\$10.00	\$10.00
Energy Charge all kWh - Summer	\$0.05650	\$0.07716
Energy Charge all kWh - Winter	\$0.05060	\$0.06911

<b>General Energy Service Public Authority</b>	<b>Prior Rate ATD</b>	<b>New Rate GEP</b>
Service Charge	\$10.00	\$10.00
Summer		
1st 4,000 kWh	\$0.06200	\$0.08377
> 4,000 kWh	\$0.04700	\$0.06350
Winter		
Step 1	\$0.05750	\$0.07769
Step 2	\$0.04700	\$0.06350