

# NOTICE OF COMMERCIAL 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 commercial customer's bill will increase, on average, by less than 0.01 percent. If you have a street or area light contract with MidAmerican Energy, the lighting portion of your bill will decrease, on average, by approximately 0.02 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 charts in this notice outline 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: GE) 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 reduces 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. 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.

#### **BUDGET BILLING PLAN**

Enroll by logging into your My Account at <u>www.midamericanenergy.com</u> to help manage your business budget with the convenience of a predictable monthly bill. If you do not have an online account, start one as a new user.

For more information, call 888-427-5632, or visit www.midamericanenergy.com/rates1.aspx to view MidAmerican Energy's electric tariffs for South Dakota.

### **Commercial Electric Base Rates**

	Prior Rate		General Energy Separately		
General Service	GBD	New Rate GE	Metered Space Heating	Prior Rate GSD	New Rate GSH
Service Charge	\$10.00	\$10.00	Service Charge	\$8.50	\$8.50
Summer			Energy Charge - All kWh - Summer	\$0.06100	\$0.10769
1st 4,000 kWh	\$0.08850	\$0.11006	Energy Charge - All kWh - Winter	\$0.01800	\$0.03178
> 4,000 kWh	\$0.06300	\$0.07835			
Winter					
1st 4,000 kWh	\$0.08420	\$0.10471			
>4,000 kWh	\$0.05540	\$0.06889			

	Prior Rate	New	Rate	General Energy Separa		ely		
<b>General Energy Heat</b>	GED	GE	Н	Metered Water Heating		-	Prior Rate GWD	New Rate GSW
Service Charge	\$10.00	\$10.	.00	Service Charge			\$6.50	\$6.50
Summer				Energy Charge - All kWh		l	\$0.03000	\$0.04857
1st 4,000 kWh	\$0.07910	\$0.10	564					
>4,000 kWh	\$0.07910	\$0.10	564					
Additional kWh	\$0.07910	\$0.10	564					
Winter								
1st 4,000 kWh	\$0.04720	\$0.06	303					
>4,000 kWh	\$0.04720	\$0.06	303					
Additional kWh	\$0.04720	\$0.06	303					
		Prior	Rate	New Rate				
General Energy Time o	General Energy Time of Use		D	GET				
Service Charge			.50	\$14.50				
Summer								
On-Peak per kWh		\$0.14	160	\$0.19904				
Off-Peak per kWh		\$0.03	310	\$0.05415				
All Other kWh				\$0.09264				
Winter								
On-Peak per kWh		\$0.05	380	\$0.06584				
Off-Peak per kWh		\$0.04	520	\$0.05374				
All Other kWh				\$0.06584				
Reactive Demand Charg	e per kVar	\$0.:	50	\$0.50				
Peak Hours	Prior Rate	s		New Rates				
On-Peak	M-F noon - 7 p	.m.*	N	A - F 1 p.m 6 p.m.*				
Off-Peak	All other hou			very day 10 p.m 8 a.m.				
All Other				All other hours				
Holidays				New Year's Day Memorial Day				
	Labor Day	Day Memo						
			Independence Day					
				or Day				
				sgiving Day				
			Christ	mas Day				

\*Except holidays

Prior Rate	New Rate		Prior Rate	New Rate
GDD	GD**	General Demand Heat	GHD	GDH**
\$80.00	\$80.00	Service Charge	\$80.00	\$80.00
		Summer		
\$0.06200	\$0.08751	First 250 kWh per kW of Demand	\$0.06300	\$0.09957
\$0.02200	\$0.03105	Next 150 kWh per kW of Demand	\$0.02200	\$0.03477
\$0.01050	\$0.01482	Additional kWh per kW of Demand	\$0.01050	\$0.01659
		Winter		
\$0.05300	\$0.07481	First 250 kWh per kW of Demand	\$0.03200	\$0.05058
\$0.02100	\$0.02964	Next 150 kWh per kW of Demand	\$0.01620	\$0.02560
\$0.01050	\$0.01482	Additional kWh per kW of Demand	\$0.01050	\$0.01659
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\*\*Minimum monthly demand is 20 kW