

# NOTICE OF RESIDENTIAL 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, the approximate average monthly increase for a residential customer will be:

| Usage | Prior    | New      | Amount of | Percent  |
|-------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| (kWh) | Rates    | Rates    | Increase  | Increase |
| 250   | \$25.13  | \$27.15  | \$2.02    | 8.04%    |
| 500   | \$43.27  | \$46.31  | \$3.04    | 7.03%    |
| 750   | \$61.40  | \$65.46  | \$4.06    | 6.61%    |
| 1000  | \$79.53  | \$84.61  | \$5.08    | 6.39%    |
| 1500  | \$111.33 | \$116.77 | \$5.44    | 4.88%    |
| 2000  | \$143.13 | \$148.92 | \$5.79    | 4.05%    |

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. If you have a street or area light contract with MidAmerican Energy, the lighting portion of your bill will decrease, on average, by 0.02 percent.

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: RS) 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 800-894-9599 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 home to help reduce energy usage. **BUDGET BILLING PLAN AND PAYMENT ASSISTANCE** 

Enroll in the Budget Billing Plan by logging into your My Account at <u>www.midamericanenergy.com</u> to help manage your household budget with the convenience of a predictable monthly bill. If you do not have an online account, start one as a new user. If you are having trouble paying your bill, please contact us right away at 888-427-5632.We can discuss a payment arrangement that will allow you to pay over time.

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

#### **Residential Electric Base Rates**

| Residential                 | Prior Rate RBD | New Rate RS |  |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------|--|
| Basic Service Charge        | \$7.00         | \$8.00      |  |
| Summer                      |                |             |  |
| Energy Charge 1st 1,000 kWh | \$0.06340      | \$0.08710   |  |
| Energy Charge > 1,000 kWh   | \$0.06100      | \$0.08380   |  |
| Winter                      |                |             |  |
| Energy Charge 1st 1,000 kWh | \$0.06120      | \$0.08410   |  |
| Energy Charge > 1,000 kWh   | \$0.04900      | \$0.06730   |  |

| Residential Water Heating        | Prior Rate RWD | New Rate RSW |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Basic Service Charge             | \$7.00         | \$8.00       |
| Summer                           |                |              |
| Energy Charge 1st 1,000 kWh      | \$0.06340      | \$0.08710    |
| Energy Charge > 1,000 kWh        | \$0.06100      | \$0.08380    |
| Winter                           |                |              |
| Energy Charge 1st 1,000 kWh      | \$0.04970      | \$0.06980    |
| Energy Charge > 1,000 kWh        | \$0.04900      | \$0.06730    |
| <b>Residential Space Heating</b> | Prior Rate RSD | New Rate RSH |
| Basic Service Charge             | \$7.00         | \$8.00       |
| Summer                           |                |              |
| Energy Charge 1st 1,000 kWh      | \$0.06340      | \$0.08710    |
| Energy Charge > 1,000 kWh        | \$0.06100      | \$0.08380    |
| Winter                           |                |              |
| Energy Charge 1st 1,000 kWh      | \$0.06120      | \$0.08410    |
| Energy Charge > 1,000 kWh        | \$0.01800      | \$0.04040    |
| Residential All Electric         | Prior Rate RED | New Rate RSE |
| Basic Service Charge             | \$7.00         | \$8.00       |
| Summer                           |                |              |
| Energy Charge 1st 1,000 kWh      | \$0.06340      | \$0.08710    |
| Energy Charge > 1,000 kWh        | \$0.06100      | \$0.08380    |
| Winter                           |                |              |
| Energy Charge 1st 1,000 kWh      | \$0.04970      | \$0.06980    |
| Energy Charge > 1,000 kWh        | \$0.01800      | \$0.04040    |

| Residential Time of Use | Prior Rate<br>RTD | New Rate<br>RST |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Summer                  |                   |                 |
| Service Charge          | \$16.00           | \$8.00          |
| On-Peak per kWh         | \$0.18740         | \$0.21192       |
| Off-Peak per kWh        | \$0.04380         | \$0.05805       |
| All Other per kWh       |                   | \$0.09665       |
| Winter                  |                   |                 |
| Service Charge          | *                 | \$8.00          |
| On-Peak per kWh         | *                 | \$0.06390       |
| Off-Peak per kWh        | *                 | \$0.05346       |
| All Other per kWh       |                   | \$0.06390       |

\*On the prior rate, customers would be charged the winter pricing according to the applicable rate of residential service.

| Peak H  | ours | Prior Rate          | New Rate                |
|---------|------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| On Pea  | k    | M-F noon - 7 p.m.** | M - F 1 p.m 6 p.m.**    |
| Off Pea | k    | All other hours     | Every day 10 p.m 8 a.m. |
| All Oth | er   |                     | All other hours         |
|         |      | Independence Day    |                         |
| Holiday | /S   | Labor Day           | New Year's Day          |
|         |      |                     | Memorial Day            |
|         |      |                     | Independence Day        |
|         |      |                     | Labor Day               |
|         |      |                     | Thanksgiving Day        |
|         |      |                     | Christmas Day           |

SeasonsPrior RateNew RateSummerMay 16 - Sept. 154 billing periods June<br/>through SeptemberWinterSept. 16 - May 158 billing periods<br/>October through May