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November 12, 2004

Ms. Pamela Bonrud **Executive Director** South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capital Pierre, SD 57501

Subject: South Dakota Residential and Customer Information Pamphlets

### Dear Ms Bonrud:

MidAmerican Energy Company ("MidAmerican") is requesting approval of changes to the customer information contained in the attached residential and commercial pamphlets provided to new customers.

MidAmerican has updated each pamphlet to include the gas tariff rate changes approved in Docket No. NG04-001, Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates effective September 30, 2004, and Docket No. 04-003, Interruptible Gas Rate Plan effective November 29, 2004. The pamphlets also include updated information on the Purchased Gas Adjustment and the Energy Cost Adjustment sections.

In addition to the rate changes, some changes in the text provides some clarification to customers on polices and procedures. The following changes are being proposed in the text section:

### Residential and Commercial Pamphlet Changes

The wording in Part 1 and Part 3 has been updated to reflect the South Dakota rules. Part 1: Deposits earn simple interest of seven percent a year, accrued from the date of deposit to date of refund. (Based on Rule 20:10:19:08. Interest on deposits to be paid by utility)

Part 3: Attempts to restore service to a household with a delinquent bill, and no attempts are forthcoming to liquidate the debt of that household. (Based on Rule 20:10:20:01 Reasons for refusal-Use. part 3)

### Commercial Pamphlet Changes

The following information was included in the previous pamphlet and has been removed from the commercial pamphlet since these rules are only applicable to residential customers. Part 3: Attempts to restore service to a household with a delinquent bill, with no attempts made to pay the old debt. (Based on Rule 20:10:20:01 Reasons for refusal-Use, part 3)

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Part 4: We also allow a 30-day medical extension when the customer files a written statement from a doctor or public health/social official with MidAmerican. (Based on Rule 20:10:20:11 Residential medical emergency)

Part 4: MidAmerican allows additional 30-day delay from November 1 through March 31 before disconnecting natural gas or electric service because of unpaid past due charges. (Based on Rule 20:10:20:10 Residential winter disconnection)

Enclosed are an original and five copies of this filing. Please file stamp the extra copy in the self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed for your convenience.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (712) 277-7611.

Sincerely,

Marvin G. Sorensen Pricing Strategist

cc: Suzan Stewart-MidAmerican Energy



Capitol Building Pierre, SD 57501

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> For Electric Outages, Call Toll Free: I-800-799-4443

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different from the billing address, or we know that a landlord relationship exists and the landlord as the customer is subject to disconnection, we will, where feasible, offer the tenants the opportunity to apply for natural gas or electric service in their own names.

6. If we provide natural gas or electric service to an address

Friday, Saturday or Sunday; on a legal holiday; or a day our office is closed to the public.

nonpayment on:

5. We will not disconnect natural gas or electric service for

Welcome to MidAmerican's neighborhood! This folder will acquaint you with MidAmerican Energy's payment and credit policies. Please give us a call if you have any questions. We're here to serve you, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

1. MidAmerican may require a deposit from a customer.

The amount of the deposit cannot be more than one-sixth of the customer's estimated total annual bill. Deposits earn simple interest of seven percent a year, accrued from the date of deposit to the date of refund.

Instead of a deposit, MidAmerican may accept a contract, signed by a guaranter satisfactory to MidAmerican, which guarantees payment on the account.

The guarantor will receive a copy of any disconnect notices sent to the customer. The amount for which a guarantor is responsible cannot be more than the allowed deposit. The guarantor agreement (or deposit) ends after the customer establishes satisfactory credit by paying the service for 12 consecutive months without having service disconnected for nonpayment and without receiving three or more disconnection notices, or at the guarantor's request, with 60 days written notice to MidAmerican.

- MidAmerican may refuse natural gas and electric service to an applicant who:
- Has an outstanding debt for MidAmerican service at a previous address and has not made arrange-

ments to pay that debt for the same class of service.

- Will not provide MidAmerican with proper information at the time of application.
- Attempts to restore service to a household with a delinquent bill, and no attempts are forthcoming to liquidate the debt of that household.
- Fails to make a deposit when requested.
- Violates state statutes, regulations or MidAmerican tariffs on file with the Public Utilities Commission.
- 4. Nonpayment of undisputed past due natural gas or electric bills and unwillingness to agree to a payment plan with MidAmerican can result in disconnection of natural gas and electric service.
- MidAmerican will mail a notice of proposed disconnection to the customer. In the case of a customer's first disconnection, MidAmerican shall provide personal notice by either telephone, visit or certificate of mailing. The notice will include a statement of the customer's right to appeal and where to appeal.
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- We also allow a 30-day medical extension when the customer files a written statement from a doctor or public health/social official with MidAmerican.

# MidAmerican Energy's Residential Rates are summarized below.

You will find your appropriate price schedule listed on your monthly bill.

		GAS RATES			
Description of service	Price schedule	OHO HUHEO	Charge	S per therm	
Small Volume Firm Peak day less than 500 therms	N	ervice Chargo per meter Ion-Gas Commodity Charge: First 250 ther	ms@\$	8.00 0.18125	
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In addition to the above rates, the following charges are also applicable: Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) per therm\*

PGA applicable to price schedule SVF in the amount of \$0.67231 is based on the average of monthly PGA rates for the 12-month period ending November 2004.

State and local taxes

\* Contact MidAmerican Energy for questions regarding this charge, 1-888-427-5632

Description of Service	Price Schedule	ELECTRIC RATES	Summer charges per kWh	Winter charges per kWh
Residential, Base Use	RBD	Service Charge First 1000 kWh @ Additional kWh @	\$ 7.00 \$ 0.0634 \$ 0.0610	\$ 7.00 \$ 0.0612 \$ 0.0490
Residential, All Electric Use	RED	Service Charge First 1000 kWh @ Additional kWh @	\$ 7.00 \$ 0.0634 \$ 0.0610	\$ 7.00 \$ 0.0497 \$ 0.0180
Residential, Electric Base Use with Electric Water Heating	RWD	Service Charge First 1000 kWh @ Additional kWh @	\$ 7.00 \$ 0.0634 \$ 0.0610	\$ 7.00 \$ 0.0497 \$ 0.0490
Residential, Electric Space Heating	RSD	Service Charge First 1000 kWh @ Additional kWh @	\$ 7.00 \$ 0.0634 \$ 0.0610	\$ 7.00 \$ 0.0612 \$ 0.0180
Residential, Base Time-of-Use	TBD/RTD	Service Charge On-peak kWh @ Off-peak kWh @ First 1000 kWh @ Additional kWh @	\$ 16.00 \$ 0.1874 \$ 0.0438 *N/A *N/A	\$ 7.00 *N/A *N/A \$ 0.0612 \$ 0.0490
Residential, Base Use with Electric Water Heating Time-of-Use	TWD/RTD	Service Charge On-peak kWh @ Off-peak kWh @ First 1000 kWh @ Additional kWh @	\$ 16.00 \$ 0.1874 \$ 0.0438 *N/A	\$ 7.00 *N/A *N/A \$ 0.0497 \$ 0.0490
Residential, Electric Space Heating Time-of-Use	TSD/RTD	Service Charge On-peak kWh@ Off-peak kWh@ First 1000 kWh@ Additional kWh@	\$ 16.00 \$ 0.1874 \$ 0.0438 *N/A	\$ 7.00 *N/A *N/A \$ 0.0612 \$ 0.0180
Residential, All Electric Time-of-Use	TED/RTD	Service Charge On-peak kWh@ Off-peak kWh@	\$ 16.00 \$ 0.1874 \$ 0.0438	\$ 7.00 *N/A *N/A
*Not Applicable (N/A)		First 1000 kWh @ Additional kWh @	\$ 0.0-138 *N/A *N/A	\$ 0.0497 \$ 0.0180

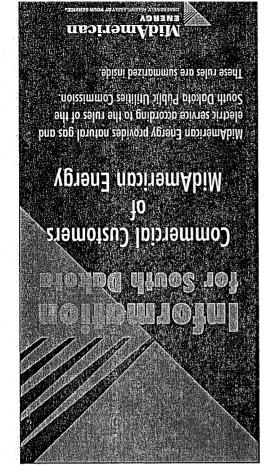
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Capitol Building Pierre, SD 57501 1-800-332-1782 or 605-773-3201

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Description of service Price sci	GAS RATES ledule	Charges per therm
Small Volume Firm SV Peak day less than 500 therms	F Service Charge per meter: Non-Gas Commodity Charge: First 250 therms @ Balance therms @	\$ 8.00 \$ 0.18125 \$ 0.19191
Medium Volume Firm MV Peak day less than 2,000 therms	F Service Charge per meter: Non-Gas Commodity Charge per therm @	\$ 60.00 \$ 0.07201
Large Volume Firm LV Peak day of 2,000 therms and higher	F Service Charge per meter: Non-Gas Commodity Charge per therm@	\$275.00 \$ 0.03755
Small Volume Interruptible SV Peak day less than 2,000 therms	Service Charge per meter: Non-Gas Commodity Charge per therm @	\$ 60.00 \$ 0.07201
Large Volume Interruptible LV Peak day of 2,000 therms and higher	I Service Charge per meter: Non-Gas Commodity Charge per therm @	\$275.00 \$ 0.03755
Small Seasonal Service SS Commercial and Industrial	Non-Gas Commodity Charge per therm:	\$ 60.00
	Applicable to the nine monthly billing periods of April through December @ Applicable to the three monthly billing periods	\$ 0.05150
	of January through March @	\$ 0.10036
Large Seasonal Service LS Commercial and Industrial	S Service Charge per meter: Non-Gas Commodity Charge per therm: Applicable to the nine monthly billing periods	\$275.00
	of April through December @  Applicable to the three monthly billing periods	\$ 0.02785
	of January through March @	\$ 0.05760

In addition to the above rates, the following charges are also applicable:

Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) per therm\*:

PGA applicable to price schedules SVF, MVF, LVF, SSS and LSS in the amount of \$0.67231 is based on the average of monthly PGA rates for the 12-month period ending November 2004.

PGA applicable to price schedules SVI and LVI are based on the monthly supply gas cost and capacity release demand cost for each billing period beginning November 29, 2004.

Transportation Service available for customers purchasing their own gas.

Monthly Metered Transportation Service available to schools and government entities purchasing their own gas.

State and local taxes

\* Contact MidAmerican Energy for questions regarding this charge, 1-800-329-6261

Description of service	Price schedule	ELECTRIC RATES	Summer charges per kWh	Winter charges per kWi
General Service, Base Use	GBD	Service Charge First 4000 kWh @ Additional kWh @	\$ 10.00 \$ 0.0885 \$ 0.0630	\$ 10.00 \$ 0.0842 \$ 0.0554
General Service, Electric Space Heating	GED	Service Charge All kWh @	\$ 10.00 \$ 0.0791	\$ 10.00 \$ 0.0472
General Service, Base Use-Demand Metered	GDD	Service Charge First 250 kWh per kW of demand @ Next 150 kWh per kW of demand @ Additional kWh @	\$ 80.00 \$ 0.0620 \$ 0.0220 \$ 0.0105	\$ 80.00 \$ 0.0530 \$ 0.0210 \$ 0.0105
General Service, Base Use -Primary Voltage	GPD	Service Charge First 250 kWh per kW of demand @ Next 150 kWh per kW of demand @ Additional kWh @ Transformer Ownership Credit	\$ 200.00 \$ 0.0469 \$ 0.0216 \$ 0.0103 \$ 0.30/kW	\$200.00 \$ 0.0404 \$ 0.0216 \$ 0.0103 \$ 0.30/kW
General Service, Electric Heat -Demand Metered	GHD	Service Charge First 250 kWh per kW of demand @ Next 150 kWh per kW of demand @ Additional kWh @	\$ 80.00 \$ 0.0630 \$ 0.0220 \$ 0.0105	\$ 80.00 \$ 0.0320 \$ 0.0162 \$ 0.0105
General Service, Time of Use (Peak Periods)	GEP	Service Charge All kWh @ Reactive Demand Charge	\$ 14.50 \$ 0.1416 \$ 0.50/kVAR	\$ 14.50 \$ 0.0538 \$ 0.50/kVAF
General Service, Time of Use (Off-Peak Periods)	GEO	Service Charge All kWh @ Reactive Demand Charge	\$ 14.50 \$ 0.0331 \$ 0.50/kVAR	\$ 14.50 \$ 0.0452 \$ 0.50/kVAF
General Service, Time of Use at Primary Voltage (Peak Pe	riods) GRP	Service Charge All kWh @ Transformer Ownership Credit Reactive Demand Charge	\$200.00 \$ 0.1388 \$ 0.30/kW \$ 0.49/kVAR	\$200.00 \$ 0.0527 \$ 0.30/kW \$ 0.49/kVAF
General Service, Time of Use at Primary Voltage (Off-Peak Periods)	GRO	Service Charge All kWh @ Transformer Ownership Credit Reactive Demand Charge	\$ 200.00 \$ 0.0324 \$ 0.30/kW \$ 0.49/kVAR	\$200.00 \$ 0.0443 \$ 0.30/kW \$ 0.49/kVAF
General Service, Separately Metered Electric Space Heating	ng GSD	Service Charge All kWh @	\$ 8.50 \$ 0.0610	\$ 8.50 \$ 0.0180
General Service, Separately Metered Electric Water Heati	ng GWD	Service Charge All kWh @	\$ 6.50 \$ 0.0300	\$ 6.50 \$ 0.0300

In addition to the above rates, the following charges are also applicable:

Energy Cost Adjustment (per kWh)\*

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## South Dakota Public Utilities Commission WEEKLY FILINGS For the Period of November 11, 2004 through November 17, 2004

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#### **ELECTRIC**

EL04-034 In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company Regarding its
Notification of Intent to Apply for a Permit for an Energy Conversion Facility.

On November 12, 2004, Otter Tail Power Company filed a Notice of Intent to submit an application for a permit for an energy conversion facility. The proposed electric generating facility, tentatively named Big Stone II, would be located on a brown field site adjacent to the existing Big Stone Plant unit I. The site is located in Grant County east of Milbank and northwest of Big Stone City, SD. The current plans are to construct a 600 MW electric generating station utilizing a single pulverized coal fired steam generator balanced-draft combustion and a single, reheat steam turbine.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris/Martin Bettmann

Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer

Date Filed: 11/12/04

Intervention Deadline: 12/03/04

### GAS AND ELECTRIC

GE04-001 In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Revised Residential and Commercial Customer Information Pamphlets.

Application by MidAmerican Energy Company to revise its customer information pamphlets given to new customers to reflect rate changes resulting from the recent rate case - Docket NG04-001, the recently approved Interruptible Gas Rate Plan approved in Docket NG04-003 and updated information regarding MidAmerican's Purchased Gas Adjustment and Energy Cost Adjustment sections of the pamphlets.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson Staff Attorney: Sara B. Harens

Date Filed: 11/15/04

Intervention Deadline: 12/03/04

### **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

TC04-224 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement between Midcontinent Communications and Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.

On November 12, 2004, the Commission received a filing for the approval of an Interconnection Agreement between Midcontinent Communications and Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. for Waubay, South Dakota. According to the parties, the Agreement "sets forth

the terms, conditions and prices under which the parties agree to provide interconnection and exchange of local traffic over wireline networks within the '947' Waubay, South Dakota exchange." Any party wishing to comment on the Agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the Agreement no later than, December 2, 2004. Parties to the Agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Sara B. Harens

Date Filed: 11/12/04

Initial Comments Due: 12/02/04

TC04-225 In the Matter of the Filing by VCI Company for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.

On November 15, 2004, VCI Company filed a petition for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in Qwest Corporation exchanges in South Dakota. VCI Company is a competitive local exchange carrier providing wireline services primarily through the leasing of Unbundled Network Elements.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best

Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer

Date Filed: 11/15/04

Intervention Deadline: 12/03/04

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### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER INFORMATION PAMPHLETS

ORDER APPROVING
CHANGES TO CUSTOMER
INFORMATION PAMPHLETS
GE04-001

On November 15, 2004, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) requesting approval of changes to customer information contained in pamphlets distributed to new customers. The company has updated the gas portion of the pamphlets to reflect rate changes resulting from the recent rate case - Docket NG04-001, the recently approved Interruptible Gas Rate Plan approved in Docket NG04-003, updated information regarding MidAmerican's Purchased Gas Adjustment and Energy Cost Adjustment sections of the pamphlets and some text changes which will provide some clarification to customers on policies and procedures.

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:16:02, a utility must submit a copy of customer information to the Commission for approval before it can be distributed.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of December 14, 2004, the Commission considered approval of the changes. Commission Staff recommended approval of the changes.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11 and ARSD 20:10:16:02. Further, the Commission finds that the customer information pamphlets are in the public interest and shall be approved. It is therefore

ORDERED, that MidAmerican's above mentioned changes to the customer information pamphlets are hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2004.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.  By:  By:
Date: 12/20/04 (OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

OBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner