



April 12, 2000

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Mr. William Bullard
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: Gas Tariff revision – Rules and Regulations

Dear Mr. Bullard:

MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) is proposing to add a provision to the Gas Tariff Rules and Regulations. The new provision is for diversion of gas service.

This provision clarifies the Company's legal action and charges if a customer tampers with the company meter or service line for theft or diversion of service.

The gas tariff provision is identical to the Company's current electric tariff provision covering the diversion of electric service except the change for gas service.

The Company is requesting the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission approval of the tariff to become effective May 15, 2000.

Attached is the proposed gas tariff revision to MidAmerican's South Dakota Gas Tariff.

S.D.P.U.C. Section No. V, First Revised Sheet No. 14 Cancels Original Issue Sheet No. 14

Please file stamp one copy and return in the attached self-addressed envelope. If you have any questions, please call me at (712) 277-7704.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marvin G. Sorensen".

Marvin G. Sorensen
Gas Pricing Strategist

Cc: Suzan Stewart – MEC
Karen Huizenga - MEC

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Date Filed: April 12, 2000 Effective Date: May 15, 2000

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Vice President



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SOUTH DAKOTA GAS SALES TARIFF
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Date Filed: April 12, 2000 ~~Sept 22, 1995~~ Effective Date: May 15, 2000 ~~Nov 15, 1995~~

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 Gas Administrative Services

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
WEEKLY FILINGS
For the Period of April 13, 2000 through April 19, 2000

If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact
Delaine Kolbo within five business days of this filing
Phone: 605-773-3705 Fax: 605-773-3809

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT00-061 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Anna Marie Knopf, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against Midco Communications, Inc. d/b/a Midcontinent Communications, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services.

The Complainant indicates she became aware that her long distance service was switched without authorization on December 30, 1999. Her long distance service was out of service for six weeks. The Complainant requests \$1000 for distress.

Staff Analyst: Leni Healy
Staff Attorney: Camron Hoseck
Dated Docketed: 04/17/00
Intervention Deadline: NA

NATURAL GAS

NG00-005 In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

MidAmerican Energy Company is proposing to add a provision to the Gas Tariff Rules and Regulations. The new provision is for diversion of gas service.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 04/13/00
Intervention Deadline: N/A

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC00-071 In the Matter of the Application of Integra Telecom of South Dakota, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services, Including Local Exchange Services, in South Dakota.

Integra Telecom of South Dakota, Inc. intends to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services including local dial tone, extended area service, high-speed internet access, including DSL, dedicated and switched access long distance services and enhanced features via its own facilities, leased facilities and resale. Integra Telecom of South Dakota, Inc. requests authority to provide services throughout the state of South Dakota and proposes an initial operating area identical to that of U S WEST.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Camron Hoseck
Date Docketed: 04/14/00
Intervention Deadline: 05/05/00

TC00-072 In the Matter of the Application of Siesta Telecom, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Siesta Telecom, Inc. is seeking a Certificate of Authority to provide resold interexchange telecommunication services, in South Dakota. The applicant intends to offer 1+ and 101000X outbound dialing, toll free inbound dialing, travel card and prepaid calling card services using Qwest Communications as its underlying carrier.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 04/17/00
Intervention Deadline: 05/05/00

TC00-073 In the Matter of the Application of Metromedia Fiber Network Services, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services, Including Local Exchange Services, in South Dakota.

Metromedia Fiber Network Services, Inc. submitted an application to provide facilities-based and resold dedicated local exchange, exchange access, and intrastate private line, high capacity fiber optic transmission facilities and services throughout the state of South Dakota, excluding areas served by a rural telephone company. The applicant seeks authority to offer its services to other certified competitive telecommunications providers and to commercial/government customers.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 04/18/00
Intervention Deadline: 05/05/00

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APR 25 2000

Re: Gas Tariff revision - Rules and Regulations
Docket No. NG-00-005

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Attached is the proposed gas tariff revision to MidAmerican Energy Company's South Dakota Gas Tariff.

South Dakota Gas Sales Tariff
SD P.U.C. Section V

Sub First Revised Sheet No. 14 Cancels Original Issue Sheet No. 14

Proposed effective date: June 1, 2000

With this filing MidAmerican proposes changes to its rules and regulations governing diversion of service.

By letter dated April 12, 2000, MidAmerican proposed an addition to its gas rules and regulations. This filing proposed to incorporate into its gas rules the same language on diversion which currently exists in MidAmerican's electric rules. Following conversations with Staff, MidAmerican now proposes to modify its April 12 filing to clarify the conditions under which customers could be subject to meter installation charges associated with diversion. MidAmerican is simultaneously proposing a similar change in its electric rules.

MidAmerican's initial filing requested an effective date of May 15. To allow for adequate review of the revised language prior to Commission approval, MidAmerican now requests an effective date of June 1, 2000.

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Encl.

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Date Filed: April 24, 2000 Effective Date: June 1, 2000

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY) ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR) REVISIONS
APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS) NG00-005

On April 13, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) proposing to incorporate into its gas tariff the same language on diversion which currently exists in MidAmerican's electric tariff. MidAmerican proposed a May 15, 2000, effective date. On April 21, 2000, MidAmerican filed a modification to its April 13, 2000, filing which clarified the conditions under which customers could be subject to meter installation charges associated with diversion. MidAmerican requested that the tariff become effective June 1, 2000. The revised tariff is as follows:

South Dakota Gas Sales Tariff, SD P.U.C. Section No. V, Sub First Revised
Sheet No. 14, Cancels Original Issue Sheet No. 14.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 17, 2000, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the tariff.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, and 49-34A-25. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revision with the understanding that the customer shall pay for the installation of a tamper-proof meter in any case of tampering or interfering with the proper functioning of a meter installation. The Commission further finds that the filing is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the above mentioned proposed tariff is approved and shall be effective for service rendered on and after June 1, 2000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of May, 2000.

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: <u>Helaine Kolbo</u>
Date: <u>5/25/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner