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Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

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January 26, 2001

Mr. Wi liam Bullard Executive Secretary South Eakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Subject. Supplier Refund Plan for NNG Kansas Ad Valorem Tax Refunds Final Settlement per FERC Docket No. RP98-39-00, et al. Refund Plan Based on Estimated Refund Amounts

Dear Mr. Bullard:

On December 27, 2000, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") issued an order approving Northern Natural Gas Company's ("Northern") settlement agreement resolving the issues in Docket No. RP98-39-00, et al. concerning the refund of Kansas ad valorem taxes by certain producers of natural gas during 1983-1988 to Northern.

MidAmerican Energy Company ("MidAmerican") has previously refunded amounts of Kans is ad valorem taxes that had been paid by producers at earlier stages of this proceeding and remitted to MidAmerican by Northern. These amounts were returned to MidAmerican sales customers in November 2000 by reducing the PGA under collection balances as of August 31, 2000. The South Dakota Utilities Commission ('Commission") approved this refund plan in Docket No. NG00-008.

The Settlement approved by the FERC Order provides for participation by additional producer, with a final distribution of settlement amounts to customers by Northern within 4. days of December 27, 2000. MidAmerican anticipates this process may result in additional refund amounts that can be returned to its customers, although at this time the total amount to be refunded is estimated. Since the combination of colder than normal weather and high gas prices has caused South Dakota customers to experience high winter utility bills, MidAmerican wishes to promptly return any additional refunds to its customers.

In order to facilitate the expeditious return of any additional refund amounts received by MidA nerican as a result of the Kansas ad valorem proceeding, MidAmerican is filing the attached refund plan based on an estimate of the refund amounts.

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MidAn erican anticipates that Northern will issue the refund checks by about February 10, 2001.

MidAmerican requests the Commission's expeditious approval of the refund plan so that it can include the actual refund amounts in the March 2001 PGA rates. MidAmerican hereby requests the Commission to allow MidAmerican to calculate the actual refund after the additional refund checks are received and return the Kansas ad valorem refund amounts to sales customers during March 2001 through the PGA in order to offset the monthly natural gas costs for March.

If MidA merican does not receive the refund checks from Northern by February 28, 2001, the refund will not be completed in March 2001. MidAmerican will file a revised refund plan in March 2001 reflecting the distribution of the refund to the sales customers during April 2001.

Enclosed for filing is the original and ten copies of the refund plan plus an extra copy to be file-stamped and returned in the self-addressed envelope.

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

Sincerely,

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Gene Harrison Pricing Analyst

MidAmerican Energy Company NNG Kansas AdValorem Tax Refund 1984 thru 1989 South Dakota Refund Distribution Based On-2001 Settlement

ESTIMATED REFUND: 2001

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NG01-003

03 In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of a Refund Plan for 2001 Distribution of Kansas Ad Valorem Tax Refund.

Application of M dAmerican Energy to refund amounts received from Northern Natural Gas Company as a result of final resolution of Kansas Ad Valorem Tax proceedings. On December 27, 2000, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued an order approving a settlement between the parties relating to excessive prices paid for natural gas which included Kansas Ad Valorem taxes. As a result of the Order, final distribution of the refund by Northern is expected by February 10, 2001, and MidAmerican wishes to make the refund available to customers through its purchased gas adjustment in the month of March.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson Staff Attorney: Earen Cremer Date Docketed: 01/29/01 Intervention Deadline: N/A

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC01-009 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of a Fifth Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.

On January 26, 2001, a Fifth Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA) was filed with the Commission for approval. The agreement is a negotiated agreement with the parties adopting the negotiated interconnection agreement between McLeod USA and Qwest which was approved by the Commission effective July 23, 1999, in Docket TC99-057. According to the parties the Amendment adds terms, conditions and rates for xDSL-1 Loop (IDSL) to Attach ment 3, Section 2, on Unbundled Elements. The Amendment also adds a new section 2.9 entitled "xDSL-1 Loop (IDSL)". 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 February 15, 2001. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Kelly D. Frazier Date Docketed: 01/26/01 Initial Commen's Due: 02/15/01

TC01-010 In the Matter of the Application of Long Distance Billing Services, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Long Distance Billing Services, Inc. is seeking a Certificate of Authority to provide resold interexchange services throughout South Dakota. They intend to provide 1+ and 101XXXX outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, directory assistance, data services, and travel card service.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketec: 01/31/01 Intervention deadline: 02/16/01



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please contact Delaine Kolbo 605-773-3809

Approval of a Refund Plan

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TC01-011 In the Matter of the Application of Maxtel USA, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Maxtel USA, Inc. is seeking a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange telecommunication services in South Dakota. The applicant is a reseller which intends to offer interexchange services, including 1+ and 101XXXX outbound dialing, toll-free inbound dialing, directory assistance, data services, and travel card services.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger Staff Attomey: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 01/31/01 Intervention Deadine: 02/15/01

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY MIDAN ERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A REFUND PLAN FOR 2001 DISTRIBUTION OF KANSAS AD VALOREM TAX REFUND

ORDER APPROVING REFUND PLAN FOR 2001 DISTRIBUTION OF KANSAS AD VALOREM TAX REFUND NG01-003

On June 18, 1998, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed for approval of a waiver of refund plan relating to Kansas ad valorem tax refunds received from Northerr Natural Gas Company (Northern) with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). As of that date, MidAmerican had received \$4,450,770.55 in total Kansas ad valorem tax refunds from Northern. These refunds are being made pursuant to the FERC's Order in Docket No. RP97-369-000. MidAmerican requested that the Commission permit retention of the refund amount received from Northern until such time as MidAmerican determines that the amount received constitutes a final refund. At such time, MidAmerican would file a refund plan and calculate accrued interest on the refund amounts at the rate of 9.429%

On June 30, 1998, at its duly noticed meeting, the Commission considered this application and directed MidAmerican to file a specific refund plan. On July 9, 1998, MidAmerican filed a further request that the refund be retained by MidAmerican until MidAmerican determined the final refund or, alternatively, for one year at which time they will update the plan.

On July 23, 1998, the Commission considered MidAmerican's request allowing MidAmerican to defer the refund until MidAmerican determines whether the amount received constitutes a final refund or for a maximum of one year. Commission Staff recommended that the Commission grant MidAmerican the refund deferral subject to the condition that MidAmerican initiate the refund at the time it considers the FERC's and possibly the appellate court's decision final or at the maximum for a period of one year, at which time MidAmerican would update its refund plan. On August 5, 1998, the Commission ordered the deferral be approved.

On July 16, 1999, MidAmerican filed for another deferral of the refund amounts and that MidAmerican continue to retain them until "MidAmerican is under no possible obligation to return all or a portion of the refund, or, for one year, whichever is earlier." Commiss on Staff recommended that such a deferral be granted, and on August 17, 1999, at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission approved the deferral with the following conditions:

1. Effective May 1, 1999, the accrued interest on the money subject to refund shall be calculated on the basis of the Commission's order in general rate case Docket No NG98-011 which set MidAmerican's authorized overall rate of return of 8.61%.

2 Interest calculations in the refund plan are to be based on the applicable overall rate of return allowed in the most current gas rate case, as modified from time to time during the refund deferral period.

On July 17, 2000, MidAmerican again asked for a deferral due to the continuing uncertainty surrounding the status of the Kansas refund. At a regularly scheduled meeting of August 9, 2000, the Commission found that the refund deferral was just and reasonable and granted the deferral. On September 6, 2000, MidAmerican filed a Refund Plan for 2001 D stribution of Kansas Ad Valorem Tax Refund. According to the application MidAmerican planned to refund to sales and transportation customers. MidAmerican further proposed that due to the possibility that it may have to return a portion of the refund amount received from Northern, once the issue is decided by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or the courts, that it be allowed to collect back from customers amounts over refunded, if any.

At its regularly scheduled September 26, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission ordered that the Refund Plan for 2000 Distribution of Kansas Ad Valorem Tax Refund should be granted as to sales customers only. It further ordered that in the event MidAmerican was required to return a portion of the current refund to Northern that it be allowed to do so after providing documentation of the amount to the Commission. Likewise, if MidAmerican received refunds in addition to those amounts returned to customers upon resolution of this issue, that MidAmerican make further refunds after providing documentation to the Commission.

On January 29, 2001, the Commission received an application from MidAmerican to refund amounts received from Northern as a result of final resolution of Kansas Ad Valorem Tax proceedings. On December 27, 2000, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued an order approving a settlement between the parties relating to excessive prices paid for natural gas which included Kansas Ad Valorem taxes. As a result of the O der, final distribution of the refund by Northern was expected by February 10, 2001, and MidAmerican wished to make the refund available to customers through its purchased gas adjustment in the month of March.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-2, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-25. Further, the Commission voted to approve the refund plan to sales customers only. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Refund Plan for 2001 Distribution of Kansas Ad Valorem Tax Refund is hereby granted as to sales customers only and it is to be reflected in the March 2001 PGA.

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Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 38th day of February, 2001.

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 falsimile or by first-class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

Bу Date (OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

MES A. BURG, Chairmar

PAM NELSON, Commissioner



April 27, 2001

Debra Elofson, Executive Secretary South Dako a Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, Sout a Dakota 57501

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Subject: Decket No. NG01-003: 2001 Kansas Ad Valorem Refund Refund Report on Actual Distribution of Kansas Ad Valorem Refund

Dear Ms. Elofson:

MidAmeric. In Energy Company (MidAmerican) hereby submits the refund report reflecting the distribution of the Kansas ad valorem refund to the PGA sales customers through the monthly purchased gas adjustment rates (PGA) during the month of March 2001.

On February 28, 2001, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission approved MidAmerican's refund plan in Docket No. NG01-003 and "ORDERED, that the Refund Plan for 2001 Distribution of Kansas Ad Valorem refund is hereby granted as to sales customers only and it is to be reflected in the March 2001 PGA."

The following reflects the distribution of the refund amount to the PGA sales customers during March 2001 PGA:

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1) PGA Refund Factor for March 2001 PGA (Credit)	
2) PGA Actual Sales for March 2001	15,301,180
3) Refund Distribution based on March 2001 PGA Actual Sales	\$ 297.455

Enclosed are the original and three copies of this filing. Also enclosed is an extra copy to be filestamped and returned in the stamped envelope enclosed. If you have any questions, please contact me at (712) 277-7611.

Sincerely,

Gene Harrison Pricing Analyst

MidAmerican Energy Company NNG Kansas AdValorem Tax Refund (1983) thru (1983) South Dakota South Dakota Refund Distribution Based On Feb 2001 Settlement

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