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November 13, 2002

Ms. Debra Elofson Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Revision Filing to Transportation Tariffs

Dear Ms. Elofson:

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Enclosed for filing find an original and four (4) copies of MidAmerican Energy Company's (MidAmerican) proposed revisions to its gas Transportation Tariffs. MidAmerican is requesting approval from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC) on these tariff revisions effective December 1, 2002 pursuant to the SDPUC Administrative Rule 20:10:13:20. If the SDPUC approves these tariffs to become effective December 1 (less than 30 days), transportation customers will be able to continue to remain in transportation groups for balancing their gas volumes. According to the group balancing tariff transport customers who group together, must have the same balancing provisions. Since MidAmerican has filed for these same revision changes to the proposed transport tariffs in other jurisdictions, MidAmerican is requesting that these tariff revisions be approved by the SDPUC. Without this approval South Dakota transportation customers would lose the benefit of being able to group with Iowa and Nebraska transportation customers.

These tariff revisions are the result of the decision in MidAmerican's gas rate case settlement stipulation in Docket No. NG01-010. MidAmerican had requested in this docket, and the Commission agreed, that the tariff sheets, Section III-A, Third Revised Sheet No. 20 and Section III-A Third Revised Sheet No. 21 be delayed for approval until MidAmerican formally requested that these tariffs be approved. This filing is requesting that these tariffs be approved effective December 1, 2002.

The tariff revision, Section III-A, Third Revised Sheet No. 20, includes the change from calculating monthly settlement cashout on transportation imbalances to calculating a daily settlement cashout on transportation imbalances. MidAmerican had requested this revision in Docket NO. NG01-010 and the Commission had approved this as part of the settlement stipulation in Docket No. NG01-010.

The second tariff revision, Section III-A Third Revised Sheet No. 21, includes a change to the charges applied to the non- critical day daily imbalance charges. The following illustration explains current MidAmerican's request.

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#### **Current Non-Critical Daily Charge:**

Imbalances from 0 to +/- 10%

free

Imbalances over +/- 10%

\$.10 per therm charge

#### Proposal in Docket No. NG01-010:

Imbalances from 0 to +/- 10%

free

Imbalances +/- 10% to +/- 20%

\$.01 per therm charge

Greater than +/- 20%

\$.10 per therm charge

#### **Current Proposal in this filing:**

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free

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MidAmerican is requesting this proposed tariff revisions in other jurisdictions. If SDPUC approves the current proposal, South Dakota transport customers will be able to continue to group balance with other transport customer with these same balancing provisions.

The following is a list of the tariff revisions in South Dakota. (SD P.U.C.):

SD P.U.C. Section No. III, Third Revised Sheet No. 20 cancels Second Revised Sheet Nos. 20

SD P.U.C. Section No. III, Third Revised Sheet No. 21 cancels Second Revised Sheet Nos. 21

If you have any questions, please contact me at (712) 277-7471.

Sincerely,

Jean Calligan

Gas Pricing Analyst



SOUTH DAKOTA GAS TRANSPORTATION TARIFF SD P.U.C. Section No. III-A Third Revised Sheet No. 20 Cancels Second Revised Sheet No. 20

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#### SOUTH DAKOTA GAS TRANSPORTATION TARIFF SD P.U.C. Section No. III-A Third Revised Sheet No. 21 Cancels Second Revised Sheet No. 21

RATE DESIGNATION: Customer Balancing (Continued)
CLASS OF SERVICE: Gas Transportation Tariffs

#### 3. Over/Under Delivery Charges for Imbalances:

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# South Dakota Public Utilities Commission WEEKLY FILINGS

For the Period of November 7, 2002 through November 13, 2002

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#### **CONSUMER COMPLAINTS**

CT02-045 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Nick Magera on behalf of CR of Sioux Falls, Inc., Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. Regarding Poor Customer Service.

CR of Sioux Falls' representative (Complainant) alleges that McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeod) failed to provide Complainant with an acceptable level of customer service for the various problems Complainant was experiencing. Complainant switched its phone service to another provider and McLeod informed Complainant that it owed \$2,178.93 in termination fees.

Staff Analyst: Amy Kayser Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer Date Docketed: 11/08/02 Intervention Deadline: NA

#### NATURAL GAS

NG02-008 In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

Application by MidAmerican Energy Company for revisions of its Natural Gas Transportation Tariff on less than 30 days notice with tariffs to become effective December 1, 2002. The tariff changes submitted by MidAmerican are substantially the same as those approved by the Commission in its Order in Docket NG01-010, MidAmerican's last general rate case. In that Docket, MidAmerican requested delaying the effective date of the tariffs proposed in this Docket until a later time. MidAmerican is now asking that these tariff sheets become effective December 1, 2002. The proposed tariff sheets change certain gas transportation balancing parameters and charges.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 11/13/02

Intervention Deadline: 11/19/02

#### **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

TC02-181 In the Matter of the Application of National Access Long Distance, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Application by National Access Long Distance, Inc. for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota on a resold basis.

Staff Analyst: Dave Jacobson Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 11/07/02

Intervention Deadline: 11/29/02

TC02-182 In the Matter of the Application of LCR Telecommunications, L.L.C. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

On November 7, 2002, LCR Telecommunications, L.L.C. filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. The applicant intends to provide resold interexchange services, including 1+ and 101XXXX outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, directory assistance, data services and travel card service throughout South Dakota.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 11/07/02

Intervention Deadline: 11/29/02

In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services and Resale of Telecommunications Services between Qwest Corporation and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC. (Third Revision).

On November 7, 2002, the Commission received a filing of an Agreement for terms and conditions for interconnection, unbundled network elements, ancillary services, and resale of telecommunication services provided by Qwest Corporation in the State of South Dakota (Qwest) to MCIMetro Access Transmission Services, LLC (Third Revision September 24, 2002). According the to parties, the Agreement is a negotiated agreement which sets for the terms, conditions and prices under which Qwest will offer and provide to any requesting CLEC network interconnection, access to unbundled network elements, ancillary services and telecommunications services available for resale within the geographical areas in which Qwest is providing local exchange service at that time and for which Qwest is the incumbent local exchange carrier within the State of South Dakota for purposes of providing local telecommunications services. 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 November 27, 2002. 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 Frazier Date Docketed: 11/07/02

Initial Comments Due: 11/27/02

## TC02-184 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Level 3 Communications, LLC.

On November 8, 2002, the Commission received a Filing of Data Exchange Amendment to Interconnection Agreement Between Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3) and Qwest Corporation in the State of South Dakota (Qwest). According to the parties, the Agreement is a negotiated amendment to the interconnection agreement between Level 3 and Qwest which was approved by the Commission in August 29, 2002, in Docket TC02-060. The Amendment is made in order to add terms and conditions relating to data exchange for the billing of intraLATA switched access by adding language to Section 7.7.1. 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 November 29, 2002. 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 Frazier Date Docketed: 11/08/02

Initial Comments Due: 11/29/02

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# DEFORE 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 ) NG02-008

On November 13, 2002, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) requesting approval of revisions to its natural gas transportation tariff on less than 30 days notice. According to the filing, the proposed tariff sheets change certain gas transportation balancing parameters and charges. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

SDPUC Gas Transportation Tariffs
Section No. III-A

Third Revised Sheet No. 20

Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 20

Third Revised Sheet No. 21

Cancelling Second Revised Sheet No. 21

At its regularly scheduled meeting of November 20, 2002, the Commission discussed final approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval of the revisions to the tariff sheets.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-2, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, and 49-34A-10 and ARSD 20:10:17:03. The Commission finds the revisions are just and reasonable and approves the changes. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the above-referenced revised tariff sheets are approved and are effective for service rendered on and after December 1, 2002.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2 mb day of December, 2002.

#### 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: Delaine Lallo

Date:  $\frac{12}{202}$ 

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman.

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner