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MidAmerican Energy  
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October 20, 2006

**BY: OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

**RE: MidAmerican Energy Company  
Docket No. NG06-009**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On September 11, 2006, MidAmerican Energy Company ("MidAmerican") filed a Combined Request for Approval of Fuel Incentive and Proposal to Credit Margins through the Purchased Gas Adjustment.

MidAmerican is submitting a Preliminary Estimate of Proceeds from Hedged Transactions. This document is confidential.

### **Request for Confidential Treatment**

Pursuant to Rule 20:10:01:41 et. seq., MidAmerican respectfully requests confidential treatment of the following attachment that is marked Confidential.

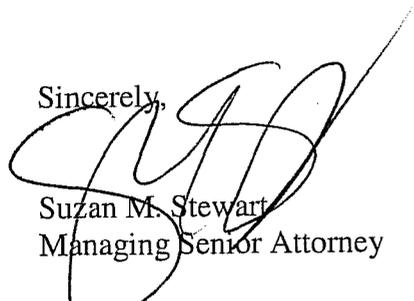
A Preliminary Estimate of Proceeds from Hedged Transactions.

The confidential materials constitute a trade secret which if released would result in material damage to MidAmerican's competitive position or give advantage to competitors and serve no public purpose. Information concerning the costs of natural gas is considered commercially sensitive. In order for MidAmerican to minimize gas costs that are billed to its customers, MidAmerican maintains this information be held confidential and constitutes a trade secret. The confidential material contains information, if released to the general public, would give an unfair advantage to existing and potential gas and interstate pipeline transportation suppliers and customers. *National Parks and Conservation Association v. Morton*, 498 F.2d 765, 768 (U.S.C.A. 1974).

Please file stamp and return one copy of the filing in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope.

Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
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Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzan M. Stewart', is written over the typed name and title.

Suzan M. Stewart  
Managing Senior Attorney

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Enclosures