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

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

The accompanying gas tariff sheet issued by MidAmerican Energy Company ("MidAmerican") is transmitted to you for filing.

South Dakota Gas Sales Tariff
SD P.U.C. Section No. V

2nd Revised Sheet No. 19
2nd Revised Sheet No. 20
Original Issue Sheet No. 20.1

Cancels First Revised Sheet No. 19
Cancels First Revised Sheet No. 20

MidAmerican is proposing the addition of the sentence related to late payment charges be made to make MidAmerican's late payment charge policy in South Dakota the same as its late payment charge policy in its other state jurisdictions.

The deletion of the final paragraph was made because MidAmerican does not believe that customers should be removed from the budget payment plan due to becoming past due in paying their bills. MidAmerican has found that for most customers, the budget payment plan is an effective tool for helping them manage their finances by having a levelized monthly payment amount.

This filing is being sent to you electronically. Any questions pertaining to this filing may be directed to David Blomquist at (563) 333-8325.

Sincerely,

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Attachments



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SOUTH DAKOTA GAS SALES TARIFF
SD P.U.C. Section No. V
2nd Revised Sheet No. 19
Cancels First Revised Sheet No. 19

RULES AND REGULATIONS

10.00 Payment of Bills

10.01 Due Date - Bills will be due twenty (20) days after the mailing date.

10.02 Late Payment Charge - Rate schedules may provide for a late payment charge assessed on any outstanding amount not paid on or after the due date. The Company may waive the late payment charge once in each calendar year.

10.03 Taxes and Franchise Fees - The Company shall have the right to add to the customer's monthly bill any sales, use and excise taxes, franchise fees, and a proportionate part of any ad valorem tax paid by the Company.

10.04 Budget Billing – Budget Billing is available to:

- all residential customers.
- non-residential customers with usage less than 250 ccf per month.
- other customers at the Company's discretion.

Budget Billing can be opened at any time during the year under the Company's "Total 12" payment plan, which allows the customer to pay 1/12 of his estimated annual bill each month.

Reminder notices shall be mailed on Budget Billing under the same conditions as other accounts, regardless of whether the account shows a debit or a credit balance.

Collection action shall be initiated on Budget Billing when they receive a bill showing a budget payment in arrears in addition to their currently due budget payments, provided the Budget Billing shows a debit balance. Late payment charges will be assessed at the rate of 1.5% monthly on the budget balance due. No collection action beyond a reminder notice shall be taken on Budget Billing which show a credit balance.

10.05 Budget Billing Periodic Adjustment – The monthly budget billing amount shall be recomputed annually and may be recomputed:

- when requested by the customer or
- when changes in price and /or consumption results in an estimate that differs by 10 percent or more from the budget amount.

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10.00 Payment of Bills (Continued)

10.06 Budget Billing Computation Method – The monthly budget payment for Budget Billing Plan customers is derived by estimating a customer’s usage for the next 12-month period and dividing that amount by 12. The estimation method uses a 24-month history at the premise in question as well as other factors, such as weather and prices. The budget bill amount for new premises is estimated based on tariff rate code and geographic location.

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Budgets are reviewed periodically and annually. At the customer’s annual review, the budget bill amount changes regardless of the amount of change.

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10.07 Customer Notification for Budget Billing – The customer will be notified of any changes in the budget amount at least one full billing period before the due date for the new budget amount. The notice may accompany the bill prior to the bill that is affected by the revised budget amount.

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10.08 Budget Account Balance – The budget account balance at the annual review will be handled as follows:

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If	Then
debit balance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spread balance evenly over next 12 months and include in budget billing payments. • when requested, apply the debit balance to the next bill.
credit balance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spread balance evenly over next 12 months and include in budget billing payments, or • when requested, refund by application to the next bill(s), or • when requested, direct refund of credit balances exceeding \$25

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- *other customers at the Company's discretion.*

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~~Budget payment may be made any time during the month without penalty; however, when a Budget Account is not paid by the discount date for the second month's bill, it shall be transferred to a regular account and become subject to the same collection and disconnect procedures as a regular account.~~

10.05 *Budget Billing Periodic Adjustment – The monthly budget billing amount shall be recomputed annually and may be recomputed:*

- *when requested by the customer or*
- *when changes in price and /or consumption results in an estimate that differs by 10 percent or more from the budget amount.*

~~**Cancellation of Budget Plan for Non-Payment** – The Company may cancel the Budget Payment Plan of any customer who is delinquent two or more budget payments during a 12-month Budget Plan period.~~

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Budgets are reviewed periodically and annually. At the customer’s annual review, the budget bill amount changes regardless of the amount of change.

~~**Status of Budget Plan Customers – The Company will continue the customer on the Budget Plan until (1) default for non-payment or (2) the customer requests removal.**~~

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~~**Return Check Charge – A \$30.00 charge will be assessed whenever the Company is notified by a financial institution that a check, draft, or negotiable instrument drawn by the customer has been dishonored.**~~

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debit balance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> spread balance evenly over next 12 months and include in budget billing payments. when requested, apply the debit balance to the next bill.
Credit balance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> spread balance evenly over next 12 months and include in budget billing payments, or when requested, refund by application to the next bill(s), or when requested, direct refund of credit balances exceeding \$25

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10.09 Cancellation of Budget Plan – Budget billing may be cancelled:

- upon customer request.
- when service is cancelled.
- for failure to pay.

For balances owed the Company, the customer may be required to pay the amount owed before termination.

For credit balance, the customer shall have the option to:

- request application of credit balance to the next bill(s)
- request a direct refund of credit balance.

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