



## **NOTICE OF MEDIUM VOLUME RESIDENTIAL NATURAL GAS DELIVERY RATE INCREASE**

Recently, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC) approved MidAmerican Energy Company's first natural gas delivery rate increase since 2004. On XXXXX, 2015, the SDPUC authorized a rate increase of \$1.5 million, or 5.67 percent. This percentage is an annual average based on all revenue classes in our service territory.

The proposed increase is necessary to support the expansion of natural gas service to new customers, to fund required upgrades to aging facilities that serve existing customers and to offset operating cost increases that have occurred during the previous 10 years. MidAmerican Energy is committed to remaining a low-cost natural gas provider, controlling expense and helping our customers save money by using natural gas efficiently.

Due to the average daily usage at this property being greater than 500 therms per day during peak billing periods, you have been placed on the medium volume rate. Although the exact dollar amount will vary depending on a customer's natural gas usage levels, the natural gas delivery portion of a medium volume residential customer's bill will increase, on average, by 4.98 percent. The exact percentage that individual customers will see over a 12-month period is likely to vary from this average percentage and will fluctuate from month to month based on a customer's natural gas consumption and new rate structure.

The charts in this notice outline the final rates approved by the SDPUC.

## **INTERIM RATES REFUND**

Pending the SDPUC's decision, MidAmerican Energy implemented its proposed natural gas delivery rates on an interim basis effective Feb. 1, 2015. Since the final rate increase is less than the interim rate increase, the difference will be refunded as a credit on your bill with 7 percent annual interest for natural gas service consumed from Feb. 1 through June 30, 2015. The refund will appear as a separate line item on your bill. It will be issued after Sept. 1, 2015.

## **NEW BILL ITEMS**

MidAmerican Energy has renamed its rates, so you will see a new rate code (example - Rate: MVS) in the Gas Charges section of your bill. You will also see a new line item on your bill. A Meter Class Charge was added to our South Dakota gas customers' bills to better match the price a customer pays to the cost of the meter required to serve their load.

## **SAVE SOME GREEN®**

To assist customers, MidAmerican Energy offers energy efficiency programs. Customers interested in reducing their energy usage should call 800-894-9599 or visit [www.midamericanenergy.com/ee](http://www.midamericanenergy.com/ee). Energy efficiency specialists will provide information on any rebates customers may qualify for and the programs they may want to implement in their home to help reduce energy usage.

## **BUDGET BILLING PLAN AND PAYMENT ASSISTANCE**

Enroll in the Budget Billing Plan by logging into your My Account at [www.midamericanenergy.com](http://www.midamericanenergy.com) to help manage your household budget with the convenience of a predictable monthly bill. If you do not have an online account, start one as a new user. If you are having trouble paying your bill, please contact us right away at 888-427-5632. We can discuss a payment arrangement that will allow you to pay over time.

For more information, call 888-427-5632, or visit [www.midamericanenergy.com/rates1.aspx](http://www.midamericanenergy.com/rates1.aspx) to view MidAmerican Energy's gas tariffs for South Dakota.

**Medium Volume Residential Natural Gas Rates**

<b>Medium Volume</b>	Prior Rate MVF	New Rate MVS
Basic Service Charge	\$60.00	\$40.00
Meter Class Charge per meter		*
Distribution Charge per therm	\$0.07201	\$0.07920

\*Meter class charge will depend on the size of the meter.

Size 1 (Up to 675 cubic feet/hour)	\$3.00
Size 2 (Over 675 to 3,000 cubic feet/hour)	\$10.00
Size 3 (over 3,000 to 11,000 cubic feet/hour)	\$40.00
Size 4 (over 11,000 cubic feet/hour)	\$75.00