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

**Re: NG17-011 - In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company
for Approval of Tariff Revisions regarding Farm Tap Service**

Dear Executive Secretary:

This letter provides an update on the process MidAmerican Energy Company (“MidAmerican”) is taking to implement the proposal approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) whereby MidAmerican will provide certain services to a group of farm tap customers, allowing them to continue to receive natural gas service. Since the Commission approved MidAmerican’s proposal, MidAmerican has been developing plans for customer engagement as well getting personnel in the field to begin transitioning customers to MidAmerican, which includes a required safety check of the customer-owned facilities.

Attached to this letter, you will find a letter and information that MidAmerican is sending to all eligible prospective farm tap customers. The letter provides an overview of the services that MidAmerican will be providing, indicates the customers’ responsibilities for the transition fees, and outlines the transition process. As part of this process, MidAmerican will require customers to fill out a service application, which is enclosed with the letter. Pursuant to MidAmerican’s tariff, customers will also sign a contract identifying responsibility for payment for the customer share of the safety checks as well as any repairs that may be necessary on the customer-owned facilities performed by MidAmerican. This contract will require Commission approval, and will be filed in advance of the Commission’s September 12, 2017 Commission meeting. MidAmerican is also contacting customers by telephone to discuss the changes to service, as well as identifying the timing of the upcoming informational meetings that MidAmerican will be hosting to provide even more information to the potential new customers.

The informational meetings will be held in communities near the transitioning farm tap customers to assist customers in understanding the transition to MidAmerican. These meetings will allow potential customers to meet with MidAmerican representatives to assist in the transition process. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

- **September 13, 6 p.m. at Hampton Inn, 2720 9th Ave. S.E., Watertown, SD**
- **September 14, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at The Bridges at Beresford Golf Course, 601 S. 7th St., Beresford, SD**
- **September 18, 6 p.m. at Madison Community Center, 500 N.E. 11th St., Madison, SD**



MidAmerican has also set up a toll-free number for customer to call with any questions about this service. The number is: 1-800-432-4591.

Finally, MidAmerican reports that it has completed negotiations on an interconnection agreement and emergency response agreement with Northern Natural Gas and those agreements have been fully executed.

If you have any questions about the information provided in this letter or attachments, feel free to contact me at (515) 281-2559.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian J. Rybarik

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Enclosures