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Patricia Van Gerpen
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Re: Request to Extend Energy Efficiency Plan One Year
MidAmerican Energy Company's Energy Efficiency Plan
Docket No. EL-07-015

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On March 31, 2009 the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) approved MidAmerican Energy Company's (MidAmerican) Three Year Energy Efficiency Plan (Plan) and related tariff sheets to become effective on May 1, 2009, and ending on December 31, 2011.

MidAmerican would like to continue its Plan in 2012, and respectfully requests that the Commission approve a one-year extension of its three-year plan by December 31, 2011. Approval prior to year-end will allow MidAmerican to continue to offer its program into January, 2012, offering customers continuous energy efficiency programs. MidAmerican met with Commission Staff on August 25, 2011, and Commission Staff indicated that it did not object to MidAmerican's request.

MidAmerican's proposed 2012 plan will include program revisions that eliminate measures falling below the cost effective standards utilized by Commission Staff. Additionally, MidAmerican will revise eligibility criteria for the residential energy audit program and adjust costs and energy savings recorded for various measures offered to customers through Company's programs, consistent with Staff recommendations. If the request to extend the current Plan to one year is granted, MidAmerican will file its 2012 proposed program goals and budgets in its annual filing of the 2011 annual report. MidAmerican anticipates that the 2012 budget will be similar to the 2011 budget of \$1.3 million.

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MidAmerican also plans on filing a new, multi-year, Energy Efficiency Plan for South Dakota for Commission review and approval in 2012. Earlier this year, MidAmerican began investigating development of a new multi-year energy efficiency plan projected to follow the current Plan. However, a major task involved in developing a new plan is calculating new electric and gas avoided costs used to evaluate the cost effectiveness of potential energy efficiency measures, for example, natural gas furnaces, and programs to be included in the new plan.

In the interests of minimizing the costs of program development for MidAmerican's South Dakota customers, MidAmerican determined it would be cost effective to calculate new avoided costs for South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois. Based on the timing of the Iowa energy efficiency program planning, it would be administratively efficient to concurrently conduct avoided costs calculations for the South Dakota Plan in conjunction with the Iowa planning scheduled for the 2011 fourth quarter.

The extension of the current three-year plan into 2012 will allow MidAmerican to capitalize on the planning efficiencies of its Iowa Energy Efficiency planning and allow additional time to develop a new multi-year plan that includes reviewing results of the current plan including verifying energy savings levels of current measures, incremental and customer costs for measures and trends in customer participation. Also, discount rates and inflation assumptions will be updated, load shapes used to estimate energy savings for all measures will be reviewed and revised as appropriate and, finally, current measures covered by new state and federal equipment and building standards would be eliminated from consideration for the new plan.

MidAmerican company personnel are available to meet with the Commission and Commission Staff regarding specific details regarding the impact of the revised budgets on MidAmerican's plan. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 563-333-8006.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jennifer S. Moore