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<u>Company Name:</u>	MidAmerican Energy Company	<u>Subject:</u>	Qualifying Cogeneration and Small Power Production Purchases-Rider No. 54
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<u>Initial Filing:</u>	Yes	<u>Docket No.:</u>	

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

The accompanying electric tariff sheets issued by MidAmerican Energy Company ("MidAmerican") are transmitted to you for filing.

MidAmerican Energy Company
Section No. 3

4th Revised Sheet No. D-50c
3rd Revised Sheet No. D-50d

Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. D-50c
Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. D-50d

Effective: September 15, 2013

Enclosed herein for filing are revised tariff sheets to update Rider No. 54 - Qualifying Cogeneration and Small Power Production Purchases tariff rate for MidAmerican's current avoided costs for the 12-month period beginning August 2013. The energy and capacity credits reflected in the rate are based on the marginal energy cost and the market value of capacity cost data in the rules of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at 18 CFR 292.302. These rules are promulgated pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA"). Pursuant to these rules, MidAmerican, as

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an electric utility with total sales of electric energy for purposes other than resale exceeding 500 million kWh, is required to file avoided cost information biannually with each of its state regulatory authorities.

While the biannual PURPA Avoided Cost Report is not due until 2014, one of MidAmerican's state regulatory authorities, the Illinois Commerce Commission requires public utilities subject to its jurisdiction to annually update avoided cost based on the data lists in 18 CFR 292.302. Because MidAmerican's avoided costs in all reports are calculated on a system-wide basis, they do not vary between MidAmerican's state jurisdictions and the data filed for 18 CFR 292.302 is applicable to all of MidAmerican's electric jurisdictions. In other words, the data filed in Illinois is the same as that would be applicable to South Dakota and Iowa if the PURPA Avoided Cost Report was due in odd-numbered years. MidAmerican supports its proposed avoided costs for South Dakota using the report filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission, attached. The information comparable to the biannual PURPA Avoided Cost Report is included in Item No. 4 of Confidential Attachment 1.

MidAmerican is required by the Illinois Commerce Commission to annually update its avoided costs for the upcoming year beginning August 15. In order to provide for consistent application of current avoided cost rates in all jurisdictions, MidAmerican is proposing to update its avoided cost tariffs in South Dakota.

The information provided in Confidential Attachment 1 is based on calendar year periods while the rates proposed in the tariff are adjusted to the 12-month period beginning August 2013; Attachment 2 includes the proposed rates. These avoided costs represent payments made by MidAmerican to qualifying generating facilities interconnected with MidAmerican's electric system. Attachment 3 is a response to an Illinois data request which provides an explanation of the changes in rates.

While MidAmerican is proposing that these rates cover the 12-month period beginning August 1, 2013, MidAmerican is not requesting a retroactive effective date as currently, there are no qualifying generating facilities interconnected with MidAmerican in South Dakota.

The rates proposed in Rider No. 54 equal those proposed and filed in Illinois Rate No. 57 – Cogeneration and Small Power Production Facilities.

Request for Confidential Treatment

Pursuant to Rule 20:10:01:41 et seq., MidAmerican respectfully requests confidential treatment of the file named "Confidential Attachment 1" in which all pages are also marked "Confidential".

MidAmerican requests that Pages 1 through 5 of the confidential file should be accorded confidential treatment for three years or such time as the Commission may deem reasonable.

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

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Any questions pertaining to this tariff filing may be directed to Debra Kutsunis at (563) 333-8870.

Sincerely,

/s/ Debra L. Kutsunis

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Attachments