From: Scot Montgomery

Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 6:25:51 PM

To: PUC; Steffensen, Patrick

Subject: Mid American Energy Rate Case EL14-072

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To whom it may concern:

As a customer of Mid American Energy (MAE) I felt it necessary to be informed of the proposed rate increase. I first tried this by contacting MAE and was told they could not give me any firm numbers but the overall increase would be 13.8%, with some classes of customers paying more than that and some paying less.

I then went to the SD PUC website and spent hours mulling through the numerous pages of documents that MAE has filed. I was "shocked" at what I discovered! Now I do not claim to be any kind of analyst or numbers guru, but it appears to me that the increase for my class of service (RBD) will be increasing anywhere from 21% to 84% depending on the time of year, a far cry from the 12.8% stated by MAE in the notification sent to residential customers.

Current Rate RSB	Proposed RS					
Basic Service Charge 7.00	Basic Service Charge 8.50 +21					
Summer 1st 1000 .06340	Summer 1st 1000 .11274	+78%				
Summer >1000 .06100	Summer >1000 .11274	+84%				
Winter 1st 1000 .06120	Winter 1st 1000 .07666	+25%				
Winter >1000 .04900	Winter >1000 .04184	-17%				

I then again called MAE and asked if my math was right? I was assured that I was mistaken, that no utility in the USA would ask for such an increase. I asked the Customer Service Rep to contact the Rate Department and to please respond with what she discovered. Later that day she returned my call and said she had been in contact with the "Billing" Department and was informed that the proposed rates had not been decided yet. I stated that the proposed rates were available on the SD PUC website. I again asked her to contact the RATE Department and to find out if the figures I had found were correct? She returned my call several days later and informed me that yes my figures were correct!

I have since discovered that those customers on the Electric Heat Rate (RED) will see their Winter >1000 rate increase by 132%.

I have attached my 2014 bills with the current rate and the proposed rate to show the impact if the proposed increase is granted. I used the rates shown on the bill and those shown on the SD PUC website for these comparisons. As you will see the overall impact is a 37% increase in my bill for the year of 2014. The "due date" was used as the month in the comparisons.

I also understand the proposed rates are subject to the following:

ETA

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ECA

EECR

I have no idea what effect these riders will have.

Another question I ask, if the overall rate increase is supposed to be 13.8%, why is MAE asking for interim rates be to be increased by 17.5%?

I also spent considerable time researching earnings of Mid American Energy Holdings Company (now Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company)

2011 \$1331 Million 2012 \$1472 Million 2013 \$1636 Million 2014 on track to \$2000 Million

When is enough, enough?

I beg the Commission to consider the Customers of MAE and the financial impact such an increase will have on ALL classes of it's Customers.

Sincerely,

Scot Montgomery

January 2014				January 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate			
	Kilowatts	Rate		•	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00	Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	919	0.0612	5 6 .24	Energy Charge	919	0.07666	70.45
Energy Charge				Energy Charge			
ECA	919	0.0108	9.93	ECA	919	0.0108	9.93
EEC	919	-0.00035	-0.32	EÉC	919	-0.00035	-0.32
Subtotal			72.85	Subtotal			88.55
City Sales Tax 2%				City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.91	State Sales Tax 4%			3.54
Total			75.76	Total			92.10
February 2014				February 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate			
· totally with	Kilowatts	Rate		, toposon hate	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge	Monda		7.00	Basic Service Charge	1111-11411	, tate	8.50
Energy Charge	722	0.0612	44.19	Energy Charge	722	0.07666	55.35
Energy Charge	,	0.0022	* *****	Energy Charge	, 22	0.07000	33.33
ECA	722	0.0077	5.56	ECA	722	0.0077	5.56
ÉEC	722	-0.00035	-0.25	EEC	722	-0.00035	-0.25
Subtotal	,	0100000	56.49	Subtotal	,	0.00033	69.16
City Sales Tax 2%			20.12	City Sales Tax 2%			05.40
State Sales Tax 4%			2.26	State Sales Tax 4%			2.77
State Sales Tax 478			2.20	State Sales Pax 470			2.77
Total			58.75	Total			71.92
March 2014				March 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate			
	Kilowatts	Rate		·	Kilowatts I	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00	Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	794	0.0612	48.59	Energy Charge	794	0.07666	60.87
Energy Charge				Energy Charge			- ****
ECA .	794	0.0133	10.56	ECA	794	0.0133	10.56
ÉEC	794	-0.00035	-0.28	ÉÉC	794	-0.00035	-0.28
Subtotal			65.88	Subtotal	• ₩ -	3.0000	79.65
City Sales Tax 2%				City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.64	State Sales Tax 4%			3.19
Total	`		68.51	Total			82.84

April 2014				April 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate			
	Kilowatts	Rate		·	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00	Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	654	0.0612	40.02	Energy Charge	654	0.07666	50.14
Energy Charge				Energy Charge			
ECA .	654	0.009	5.89	ECA .	654	0.009	5.89
ĒĒĆ	654	-0.00035	-0.23	EEC	654	-0.00035	-0.23
Subtotal			52.68	Subtotal			64.29
City Sales Tax 2%				City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.11	State Sales Tax 4%			2.57
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Total			54.79	Total			66.86
May 2014				May 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate			
	Kilowatts	Rate		•	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00	Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	710	0.0612	43.45	Energy Charge	710	0.07666	54.43
Energy Charge				Energy Charge			
ECA	710	0.0132	9.37	ECA	710	0.0132	9.37
EEC	710	-0.00035	-0.25	EEC	710	-0.00035	-0.25
Subtotal			59.58	Subtotal			72.05
City Sales Tax 2%				City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.38	State Sales Tax 4%			2.88
Total			61.96	Total			74.93
June 2014				June 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate			
	Kilowatts	Rate			Kilowatts i	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00	Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	673	0.0634	42.67	Energy Charge	673	0.11274	75.87
Energy Charge				Energy Charge			
ECA	673	0.009	6.06	ECA	673	0.009	6.06
EEC	673	0.00291	1.96	EEC	673	0.00291	1.96
Subtotal			57.68	Subtotal			92.39
City Sales Tax 2%				City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%	•		2.31	State Sales Tax 4%			3.70
Total			59.99	Total			96.09

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July 2014				July 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate	(#)	a .	
	Kilowatts	Rate			Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00	Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	1000	0.0634		Energy Charge	1000	0.11274	112.74
Energy Charge	78	0.061		Energy Charge	78	0.11274	8.79
ĒCA	1078	0.0124		ECA	1078	0.0124	13.37
ÉÉC	1078	0.00291	3.14	EEC	1078	0.00291	3.14
Subtotal			91.66	Subtotal			146.54
City Sales Tax 2%				City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			3.67	State Sales Tax 4%			5.86
Total			95.33	Total			152.40
August 2014				August 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate			
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Basic Service Charge	Midvide	nate	7.00	Basic Service Charge	VIII O VI GEES		8.50
Energy Charge	1000	0.0634	63.40	Energy Charge	1000	0.11274	112.74
Energy Charge	238	0.061	14.52	Energy Charge	238	0.11274	26.83
ECA	1238	0.0165	20.43	ECA	1238	0.0165	20.43
EEC	1238	0.00291	3.60	EEC	1238	0.0103	3.60
Subtotal	1200	0.00231	108.95	Subtotal	1236	0.00231	172.10
City Sales Tax 2%			2.18	City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%				State Sales Tax 4%			3.44
State Sales Tax 4%			4.36	State Sales Tax 4%			6.88
Total			115.48	Total			182.43
September 2014				September 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate			
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Basic Service Charge	11110000000	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	7.00	Basic Service Charge	ithotraces i	iate	8.50
Energy Charge	1000	0.0634	63.40	Energy Charge	1000	0.11274	112.74
Energy Charge	149	0.061	9.09	Energy Charge	149	0.11274	16.80
ECA	1149 1149	0.0145	16.66	ECA	1149	0.11274	16.66
EEC	1149	0.00291	3.34	EEC	1149	0.0145	3.34
Subtotal	1143	U.UUZJI	99.49	Subtotal	1143	0.00231	5.54 158.04
City Sales Tax 2%			1.99	City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			3.98	State Sales Tax 4%			3.16
JUNE SOIES LOX 4%			3.36	State Sales 188 4%			6.32
Total			105.46	Total			167.52

October 2014				October 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate		_	
	Kilowatts	Rate			Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00	Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	933	0.0612		Energy Charge	933		
Energy Charge		0.061	0.00	Energy Charge		0.04184	0.00
ĒČĀ	933	0.0102	9.52	ECA	933	0.0102	9.52
ÉEC	933	0.00291	2.72	EEC	933	0.00291	2.72
Subtotal		•	76.33	Subtotal			92.26
City Sales Tax 2%			1.53	City Sales Tax 2%			1.85
State Sales Tax 4%			3.05	State Sales Tax 4%			3.69
Total			80.91	Total			97.79
November 2014				November 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate			
	Kilowatts	Rate			Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00	Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	680	0.0612	41.62	Energy Charge	680	0.07666	52.13
Energy Charge		0.061	0.00	Energy Charge		0.04184	0.00
ĒČA	680	0.0131	8.91	ECA	680	0.0131	8.91
ĒĒČ	680	0.00291	1.98	EEC	680	0.00291	1.98
Subtotal			59.50	Subtotal			71.52
City Sales Tax 2%			1.19	City Sales Tax 2%			1.43
State Sales Tax 4%			2.38	State Sales Tax 4%			2.86
Total			63.07	Total			75.81
December 2014				December 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate			
	Kilowatts	Rate			Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00	Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	825	0.0612	50.49	Energy Charge	825	0.07666	63.24
Energy Charge		0.061	0.00	Energy Charge		0.04184	0.00
ECA	825	0.0075	6.19	ECA	825	0.0075	6.19
ÉÉC	825	0.00291	2.40	EEC	825	0.00291	2.40
Subtotal			66.08	Subtotal			80.33
City Sales Tax 2%			1.32	City Sales Tax 2%			1.61
State Sales Tax 4%			2.64	State Sales Tax 4%			3.21
Total			70.04	Total			85.15
Total Annual Cost			910.06	Total Annual Proposed Cost			1245.84

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January 2014				January 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate			
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Basic Service Charge	11,10110110		7.00	Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	919	0.0612	56.24	Energy Charge	919	0.07666	70.45
Energy Charge	5.25	*****	==== :	Energy Charge		-1-1	, 0, 10
ECA	919	0.0108	9.93	ECA	919	0.0108	9.93
EEC	919		-0.32	EEC	919		-0.32
Subtotal		0.00000	72.85	Subtotal		0.00000	88.55
City Sales Tax 2%			, 2.00	City Sales Tax 2%			55/55
State Sales Tax 4%			2.91	State Sales Tax 4%			3.54
State Sales Tax 470			2.51	State duies fax 470			3,34
Total			75.76	Total			92.10
February 2014				February 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate			
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Basic Service Charge	Knowatts	nacc	7.00	Basic Service Charge	Kilowates	Nate	8.50
Energy Charge	722	0.0612	44.19	Energy Charge	722	0.07666	55.35
Energy Charge	144	0.0012	44.13	Energy Charge	722	0.07666	33.33
ECA	722	0.0077	5.56	ECA	722	0.0077	5.56
EEC	722	-0.00035	-0.25	EEC	722	-0.00035	
Subtotal	122	-0.00033	56.49	Subtotal	122	-0,00035	-0.25 69.16
City Sales Tax 2%			30.43	City Sales Tax 2%			69.10
State Sales Tax 4%			2.26	State Sales Tax 4%			2.77
State Sales Lax 4%			2.20	State Sales Lax 470			2.77
Total			58.75	Total			71.92
March 2014				March 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate			
	Kilowatts	Rate			Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00	Basic Service Charge	Morratto	THE CO.	8.50
Energy Charge	794	0.0612	48.59	Energy Charge	794	0.07666	60.87
Energy Charge		*****		Energy Charge	,,,,	0.07000	00.07
ECA	794	0.0133	10.56	ECA	794	0.0133	10.56
EEC	794	-0,00035	-0.28	EEC	794 794	-0.00035	-0.28
Subtotal	,51	0.00055	65.88	Subtotal	,,,	-0100033	79.65
City Sales Tax 2%			00100	City Sales Tax 2%			19.03
State Sales Tax 4%	,		2.64	State Sales Tax 4%			3.19
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Total			68.51	Total			82.84

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April 2014				April 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate	sant		
	Kilowatts	Rate			Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00	Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	654	0.0612	40.02	Energy Charge	654	0.07666	50.14
Energy Charge				Energy Charge			
ECA	654	0.009	5.89	ECA	654	0.009	5.89
EEC	654	-0.00035	-0.23	EEC	654	-0.00035	-0.23
Subtotal			52.68	Subtotal			64.29
City Sales Tax 2%				City Sales Tax 2%	•		
State Sales Tax 4%			2.11	State Sales Tax 4%			2.57
Total			54.79	Total			66.86
May 2014				May 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate			
	Kilowatts	Rate		•	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00	Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	710	0.0612	43.45	Energy Charge	710	0.07666	54.43
Energy Charge	•			Energy Charge		0107 000	54145
ECA	710	0.0132	9.37	ECA	710	0.0132	9.37
EEC	710	-0.00035	-0.25	EEC	710	-0.00035	-0.25
Subtotai	•		59.58	Subtotal	, 40	0.0000	72.05
City Sales Tax 2%			33.33	City Sales Tax 2%			12.05
State Sales Tax 4%			2,38	State Sales Tax 4%			2.88
action of the Typ			2,00	State States Fax 470			2.00
Total			61.96	Total			74.93
June 2014				June 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate			
	Kilowatts	Rate		•	Kilowatts I	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00	Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	673	0.0634	42.67	Energy Charge	673	0.11274	75.87
Energy Charge				Energy Charge		412427 T	75,57
ECA	673	0.009	6.06	ECA ECA	673	0.009	6.06
EEC	673	0.00291	1.96	EEC	673	0.00291	1,96
Subtotal	5		57.68	Subtotal	0.0	J100234	92.39
City Sales Tax 2%			-	City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%		,	2.31	State Sales Tax 4%			3.70
Total			59.99	Total			96.09

July 2014 Actual Bill				July 2014 Proposed Rate			
Actual pill	Kilowatts	Rate			Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00	Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	1000	0.0634	63.40	Energy Charge	1000	0.11274	112.74
Energy Charge	78	0.061		Energy Charge	78	0.11274	8.79
ECA	1078	0.0124		ECA	1078	0.0124	13.37
EEC	1078	0.00291	3.14	EEC	1078	0.00291	3.14
Subtotal			91.66	Subtotal			146.54
City Sales Tax 2%				City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			3.67	State Sales Tax 4%			5.86
Total			95.33	Total			152.40
August 2014				August 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate			
	Kilowatts	Rate			Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00	Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	1000	0.0634	63,40	Energy Charge	1000	0.11274	112.74
Energy Charge	238	0.061	14.52	Energy Charge	238	0.11274	26.83
ECA	1238	0.0165	20.43	ECA	1238	0.0165	20.43
EEC	1238	0.00291	3.60	EEC	1238	0.00291	3.60
Subtotal			108.95	Subtotal			172.10
City Sales Tax 2%	•		2.18	City Sales Tax 2%			3.44
State Sales Tax 4%			4.36	State Sales Tax 4%			6.88
Total			115.48	Total			182.43
September 2014				September 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate			
	Kilowatts	Rate			Kilowatts F	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00	Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	1000	0.0634	63.40	Energy Charge	1000	0.11274	112.74
Energy Charge	149	0.061	9.09	Energy Charge	149	0.11274	16.80
ECA	1149	0.0145	16.66	ECA	1149	0.0145	16.66
EEC	1149	0.00291	3.34	EEC	1149	0.00291	3.34
Subtotal			99.49	Subtotal			158.04
City Sales Tax 2%			1. 99	City Sales Tax 2%			3.16
State Sales Tax 4%			3.98	State Sales Tax 4%			6.32
Total			105.46	Total	•		167.52

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October 2014							
Actual Bill	1/11	0-4-		Proposed Rate	Kilowatts	Data	
	Kilowatts	Kate	7.00	Basis Samiles Charge	KIIOWatts	rate	0.50
Basic Service Charge		0.0540	7.00	Basic Service Charge	022	0.07555	8.50 71.52
Energy Charge	933			Energy Charge	933		
Energy Charge		0.061		Energy Charge		0.04184	
ECA	933			ECA	933		
EEC	933	0.00291		EEC	933	0.00291	
Subtotal			76.33	Subtotal			92.26
City Sales Tax 2%			1.53	City Sales Tax 2%			1.85
State Sales Tax 4%			3.05	State Sales Tax 4%			3.69
Total			80.91	Total			97.79
November 2014				November 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate			
	Kilowatts	Rate		•	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00	Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	680	0.0612	41.62	Energy Charge	680	0.07666	52.13
Energy Charge		0.061	0.00	Energy Charge		0.04184	0.00
ECA	680	0.0131	8.91	ECA	680	0.0131	8.91
EEC	680	0.00291	1.98	EEC	680	0.00291	1.98
Subtotal			59.50	Subtotal			71.52
City Sales Tax 2%			1.19	City Sales Tax 2%			1.43
State Sales Tax 4%			2.38	State Sales Tax 4%			2.86
Total			63.07	Total			75.81
December 2014				December 2014			
Actual Bill				Proposed Rate			
	Kilowatts	Rate			Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00	Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	825	0.0612	50.49	Energy Charge	825	0.07666	63.24
Energy Charge		0.061	0.00	Energy Charge		0.04184	0.00
ECA	825	0.0075	6.19	ECA	825	0.0075	6.19
EEĈ	825	0.00291	2.40	EEC	825	0.00291	2.40
Subtotal			66.08	Subtotal			80.33
City Sales Tax 2%			1.32	City Sales Tax 2%			1.61
State Sales Tax 4%			2.64	State Sales Tax 4%			3.21
Total			70.04	Total			85.15
Total Annual Cost			910.06	Total Annual Proposed Cost	•		1245.84
Overall Increase							37%