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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
TCR
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

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January 2014**Actual Bill**

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	919	0.0612	56.24
Energy Charge			
ECA	919	0.0108	9.93
EEC	919	-0.00035	-0.32
Subtotal			72.85
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.91
Total			75.76

January 2014**Proposed Rate**

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	919	0.07666	70.45
Energy Charge			
ECA	919	0.0108	9.93
EEC	919	-0.00035	-0.32
Subtotal			88.55
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			3.54
Total			92.10

February 2014**Actual Bill**

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	722	0.0612	44.19
Energy Charge			
ECA	722	0.0077	5.56
EEC	722	-0.00035	-0.25
Subtotal			56.49
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.26
Total			58.75

February 2014**Proposed Rate**

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	722	0.07666	55.35
Energy Charge			
ECA	722	0.0077	5.56
EEC	722	-0.00035	-0.25
Subtotal			69.16
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.77
Total			71.92

March 2014**Actual Bill**

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	794	0.0612	48.59
Energy Charge			
ECA	794	0.0133	10.56
EEC	794	-0.00035	-0.28
Subtotal			65.88
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.64
Total			68.51

March 2014**Proposed Rate**

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	794	0.07666	60.87
Energy Charge			
ECA	794	0.0133	10.56
EEC	794	-0.00035	-0.28
Subtotal			79.65
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			3.19
Total			82.84

April 2014
Actual Bill

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	654	0.0612	40.02
Energy Charge			
ECA	654	0.009	5.89
EEC	654	-0.00035	-0.23
Subtotal			52.68
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.11
Total			54.79

April 2014
Proposed Rate

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	654	0.07666	50.14
Energy Charge			
ECA	654	0.009	5.89
EEC	654	-0.00035	-0.23
Subtotal			64.29
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.57
Total			66.86

May 2014
Actual Bill

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	710	0.0612	43.45
Energy Charge			
ECA	710	0.0132	9.37
EEC	710	-0.00035	-0.25
Subtotal			59.58
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.38
Total			61.96

May 2014
Proposed Rate

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	710	0.07666	54.43
Energy Charge			
ECA	710	0.0132	9.37
EEC	710	-0.00035	-0.25
Subtotal			72.05
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.88
Total			74.93

June 2014
Actual Bill

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	673	0.0634	42.67
Energy Charge			
ECA	673	0.009	6.06
EEC	673	0.00291	1.96
Subtotal			57.68
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.31
Total			59.99

June 2014
Proposed Rate

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	673	0.11274	75.87
Energy Charge			
ECA	673	0.009	6.06
EEC	673	0.00291	1.96
Subtotal			92.39
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			3.70
Total			96.09

July 2014
Actual Bill

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	1000	0.0634	63.40
Energy Charge	78	0.061	4.76
ECA	1078	0.0124	13.37
EEC	1078	0.00291	3.14
Subtotal			91.66
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			3.67
Total			95.33

July 2014
Proposed Rate

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	1000	0.11274	112.74
Energy Charge	78	0.11274	8.79
ECA	1078	0.0124	13.37
EEC	1078	0.00291	3.14
Subtotal			146.54
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			5.86
Total			152.40

August 2014
Actual Bill

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	1000	0.0634	63.40
Energy Charge	238	0.061	14.52
ECA	1238	0.0165	20.43
EEC	1238	0.00291	3.60
Subtotal			108.95
City Sales Tax 2%			2.18
State Sales Tax 4%			4.36
Total			115.48

August 2014
Proposed Rate

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	1000	0.11274	112.74
Energy Charge	238	0.11274	26.83
ECA	1238	0.0165	20.43
EEC	1238	0.00291	3.60
Subtotal			172.10
City Sales Tax 2%			3.44
State Sales Tax 4%			6.88
Total			182.43

September 2014
Actual Bill

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	1000	0.0634	63.40
Energy Charge	149	0.061	9.09
ECA	1149	0.0145	16.66
EEC	1149	0.00291	3.34
Subtotal			99.49
City Sales Tax 2%			1.99
State Sales Tax 4%			3.98
Total			105.46

September 2014
Proposed Rate

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	1000	0.11274	112.74
Energy Charge	149	0.11274	16.80
ECA	1149	0.0145	16.66
EEC	1149	0.00291	3.34
Subtotal			158.04
City Sales Tax 2%			3.16
State Sales Tax 4%			6.32
Total			167.52

October 2014

Actual Bill

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	933	0.0612	57.10
Energy Charge		0.061	0.00
ECA	933	0.0102	9.52
EEC	933	0.00291	2.72
Subtotal			76.33
City Sales Tax 2%			1.53
State Sales Tax 4%			3.05
Total			80.91

October 2014

Proposed Rate

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	933	0.07666	71.52
Energy Charge		0.04184	0.00
ECA	933	0.0102	9.52
EEC	933	0.00291	2.72
Subtotal			92.26
City Sales Tax 2%			1.85
State Sales Tax 4%			3.69
Total			97.79

November 2014

Actual Bill

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	680	0.0612	41.62
Energy Charge		0.061	0.00
ECA	680	0.0131	8.91
EEC	680	0.00291	1.98
Subtotal			59.50
City Sales Tax 2%			1.19
State Sales Tax 4%			2.38
Total			63.07

November 2014

Proposed Rate

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	680	0.07666	52.13
Energy Charge		0.04184	0.00
ECA	680	0.0131	8.91
EEC	680	0.00291	1.98
Subtotal			71.52
City Sales Tax 2%			1.43
State Sales Tax 4%			2.86
Total			75.81

December 2014

Actual Bill

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	825	0.0612	50.49
Energy Charge		0.061	0.00
ECA	825	0.0075	6.19
EEC	825	0.00291	2.40
Subtotal			66.08
City Sales Tax 2%			1.32
State Sales Tax 4%			2.64
Total			70.04

December 2014

Proposed Rate

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	825	0.07666	63.24
Energy Charge		0.04184	0.00
ECA	825	0.0075	6.19
EEC	825	0.00291	2.40
Subtotal			80.33
City Sales Tax 2%			1.61
State Sales Tax 4%			3.21
Total			85.15

Total Annual Cost

910.06

Total Annual Proposed Cost

1245.84

Overall Increase

37%

January 2014**Actual Bill**

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Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	919	0.0612	56.24
Energy Charge			
ECA	919	0.0108	9.93
EEC	919	-0.00035	-0.32
Subtotal			72.85
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.91
Total			75.76

January 2014**Proposed Rate**

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Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	919	0.07666	70.45
Energy Charge			
ECA	919	0.0108	9.93
EEC	919	-0.00035	-0.32
Subtotal			88.55
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			3.54
Total			92.10

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Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	722	0.0612	44.19
Energy Charge			
ECA	722	0.0077	5.56
EEC	722	-0.00035	-0.25
Subtotal			56.49
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.26
Total			58.75

February 2014**Proposed Rate**

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Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	722	0.07666	55.35
Energy Charge			
ECA	722	0.0077	5.56
EEC	722	-0.00035	-0.25
Subtotal			69.16
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.77
Total			71.92

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Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	794	0.0612	48.59
Energy Charge			
ECA	794	0.0133	10.56
EEC	794	-0.00035	-0.28
Subtotal			65.88
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.64
Total			68.51

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	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	794	0.07666	60.87
Energy Charge			
ECA	794	0.0133	10.56
EEC	794	-0.00035	-0.28
Subtotal			79.65
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			3.19
Total			82.84

**April 2014
Actual Bill**

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	654	0.0612	40.02
Energy Charge			
ECA	654	0.009	5.89
EEC	654	-0.00035	-0.23
Subtotal			52.68
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.11
Total			54.79

**April 2014
Proposed Rate**

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	654	0.07666	50.14
Energy Charge			
ECA	654	0.009	5.89
EEC	654	-0.00035	-0.23
Subtotal			64.29
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.57
Total			66.86

**May 2014
Actual Bill**

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	710	0.0612	43.45
Energy Charge			
ECA	710	0.0132	9.37
EEC	710	-0.00035	-0.25
Subtotal			59.58
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.38
Total			61.96

**May 2014
Proposed Rate**

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	710	0.07666	54.43
Energy Charge			
ECA	710	0.0132	9.37
EEC	710	-0.00035	-0.25
Subtotal			72.05
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.88
Total			74.93

**June 2014
Actual Bill**

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	673	0.0634	42.67
Energy Charge			
ECA	673	0.009	6.06
EEC	673	0.00291	1.96
Subtotal			57.68
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			2.31
Total			59.99

**June 2014
Proposed Rate**

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	673	0.11274	75.87
Energy Charge			
ECA	673	0.009	6.06
EEC	673	0.00291	1.96
Subtotal			92.39
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			3.70
Total			96.09

July 2014

Actual Bill

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	1000	0.0634	63.40
Energy Charge	78	0.061	4.76
ECA	1078	0.0124	13.37
EEC	1078	0.00291	3.14
Subtotal			91.66
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			3.67
Total			95.33

July 2014

Proposed Rate

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	1000	0.11274	112.74
Energy Charge	78	0.11274	8.79
ECA	1078	0.0124	13.37
EEC	1078	0.00291	3.14
Subtotal			146.54
City Sales Tax 2%			
State Sales Tax 4%			5.86
Total			152.40

August 2014

Actual Bill

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	1000	0.0634	63.40
Energy Charge	238	0.061	14.52
ECA	1238	0.0165	20.43
EEC	1238	0.00291	3.60
Subtotal			108.95
City Sales Tax 2%			2.18
State Sales Tax 4%			4.36
Total			115.48

August 2014

Proposed Rate

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	1000	0.11274	112.74
Energy Charge	238	0.11274	26.83
ECA	1238	0.0165	20.43
EEC	1238	0.00291	3.60
Subtotal			172.10
City Sales Tax 2%			3.44
State Sales Tax 4%			6.88
Total			182.43

September 2014

Actual Bill

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	1000	0.0634	63.40
Energy Charge	149	0.061	9.09
ECA	1149	0.0145	16.66
EEC	1149	0.00291	3.34
Subtotal			99.49
City Sales Tax 2%			1.99
State Sales Tax 4%			3.98
Total			105.46

September 2014

Proposed Rate

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	1000	0.11274	112.74
Energy Charge	149	0.11274	16.80
ECA	1149	0.0145	16.66
EEC	1149	0.00291	3.34
Subtotal			158.04
City Sales Tax 2%			3.16
State Sales Tax 4%			6.32
Total			167.52

October 2014

Actual Bill

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	933	0.0612	57.10
Energy Charge		0.061	0.00
ECA	933	0.0102	9.52
EEC	933	0.00291	2.72
Subtotal			76.33
City Sales Tax 2%			1.53
State Sales Tax 4%			3.05
Total			80.91

October 2014

Proposed Rate

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	933	0.07666	71.52
Energy Charge		0.04184	0.00
ECA	933	0.0102	9.52
EEC	933	0.00291	2.72
Subtotal			92.26
City Sales Tax 2%			1.85
State Sales Tax 4%			3.69
Total			97.79

November 2014

Actual Bill

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Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	680	0.0612	41.62
Energy Charge		0.061	0.00
ECA	680	0.0131	8.91
EEC	680	0.00291	1.98
Subtotal			59.50
City Sales Tax 2%			1.19
State Sales Tax 4%			2.38
Total			63.07

November 2014

Proposed Rate

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	680	0.07666	52.13
Energy Charge		0.04184	0.00
ECA	680	0.0131	8.91
EEC	680	0.00291	1.98
Subtotal			71.52
City Sales Tax 2%			1.43
State Sales Tax 4%			2.86
Total			75.81

December 2014

Actual Bill

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			7.00
Energy Charge	825	0.0612	50.49
Energy Charge		0.061	0.00
ECA	825	0.0075	6.19
EEC	825	0.00291	2.40
Subtotal			66.08
City Sales Tax 2%			1.32
State Sales Tax 4%			2.64
Total			70.04

December 2014

Proposed Rate

	Kilowatts	Rate	
Basic Service Charge			8.50
Energy Charge	825	0.07666	63.24
Energy Charge		0.04184	0.00
ECA	825	0.0075	6.19
EEC	825	0.00291	2.40
Subtotal			80.33
City Sales Tax 2%			1.61
State Sales Tax 4%			3.21
Total			85.15

Total Annual Cost 910.06

Total Annual Proposed Cost 1245.84

Overall Increase

37%