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

**Re: Cold Weather Event 2021 Impact on Energy Cost Adjustment Docket No. GE21-001**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

During the third week of February 2021, the region experienced an extensive cold weather event that resulted in significant impacts to the cost of natural gas. On February 23, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) conducted an Ad Hoc Committee meeting to discuss the February 2021 Cold Weather Event and Its Impact on Utility Fuel Clause Adjustments and Purchased Gas Adjustments.

The first quarterly review for the Energy Cost Adjustment will be performed at the end of May. In this review, April actuals and the over/under as of April 30, 2021 will be used to help determine if the projected cumulative account balance divided by projected jurisdictional sales equals or exceeds  $\pm$  \$0.001 which results in a factor change. MidAmerican believes that the factor will change with the first quarter filing but expects that it will be a minimum impact to customers. When MidAmerican performed the preliminary first quarter review for the cold weather event, using April estimates in place of actuals and the over/under as of March 30, 2021, MidAmerican expects there will be a factor change effective with June bills reducing the benefit to customers by just over the \$0.001 threshold which triggers a factor filing.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (515) 281-2290 or [Kallie.Bentz@midamerican.com](mailto:Kallie.Bentz@midamerican.com).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Kallie Bentz*

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