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Re: Docket No. NG11-\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In accordance with the Decision and Order approving Settlement Stipulation NG01-010, attached is MidAmerican Energy Company's report on 2010 economic development activities and its 2011 proposed budget. The actual expenditures shown in section 1 are based on the MidAmerican Energy Company 2010 Economic Development Budget, which was approved by the Commission by order issued June 23, 2010, in Docket No. NG10-002.

MidAmerican provides monetary support to local development organizations, specific project assistance efforts for these groups, and business attraction incentives. We also provide in-kind support through the work of Brad L. Howard, our Economic Development Consultant for an area including our South Dakota natural gas service territory.

Brad will continue to work with local development personnel throughout MidAmerican's South Dakota service territory to encourage expansion of existing business, foster economic vitality and support community preparedness for new growth. Additional MidAmerican economic development staff is available to enhance the overall program, as needed, which further extends our relationship and value to our South Dakota communities.

MidAmerican's role is to support community leaders in making decisions relating to the economic growth and vitality of their communities. The unique knowledge and capability of local leaders to address community issues, goals and priorities is fundamental to the growth of those areas. MidAmerican encourages community leaders to work closely with all public and private entities to advance their specific economic development priorities.

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We are very pleased to report continued growth within our South Dakota service territory during 2010. In Section III we provide an overview of economic development highlights during the year.

Since successful economic development requires a team effort by many players, we sincerely appreciate the opportunity to support all organizations working to achieve positive impacts on employment, income, and community growth. We respectfully request approval of our 2010 report and our proposed 2011 budget.

Very truly yours,

*/s/ Suzan M. Stewart*

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