

June 30, 2022

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capitol Avenue, State Capitol Building,  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you to file a written objection to the request of any rate increase by MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, a gas supply company for businesses and homes in the State of South Dakota, and to request that the SDPUC suspend any rate increase and hold a public hearing to determine if any increase is warranted or allowed, especially during these trying times of Covid affecting thousands of the unemployed.

With the increase in local government spending, higher commodity prices, and increases in property taxes every year, I do not know how long we would be able to survive.

I have enclosed a NOTICE of rate increase by MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY for your information.

Thank You, Sincerely,

  
R. Tuley



# NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE

MidAmerican Energy is proud to provide your natural gas service. In order to maintain and upgrade the natural gas infrastructure used to deliver safe, reliable service to our South Dakota customers, MidAmerican is asking the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC) for approval to change its natural gas rates with a proposed effective date of November 1, 2022\*.



3.2%  
would BE MORE  
than enough

MidAmerican is proposing a modest average increase across all customer classes of 6.4%, which would increase revenue by \$7 million annually. The increase will support recent natural gas system improvement costs and also fund planned infrastructure and safety improvements. The projects will help serve a growing South Dakota customer base, relocate natural gas facilities to accommodate road work and fund projects designed to enhance safety.

The rate increase would affect the delivery charge that makes up part of customers' total natural gas bill. The delivery charge includes costs to maintain and upgrade the distribution system, ensure system safety and other administrative costs. MidAmerican has not requested a natural gas delivery rate increase since 2014.

This proposed rate increase would not affect supply charges, which include costs associated with the price of natural gas that MidAmerican buys through the market on behalf of customers and passes through without a markup.

## ESTIMATED BILL IMPACTS

Although the exact dollar amount will vary depending on a customer's natural gas usage level, if approved, the approximate average monthly increase for a customer on rate SVS Residential would be as follows:

Average Monthly Bill	Average Increase	Average Monthly Bill on Proposed New Rate
\$57.34	\$4.16	\$61.50

*Too Much*

If the SDPUC does not make a ruling within six months of the rate case filing date, MidAmerican will be permitted to implement the proposed natural gas delivery rate increase on an interim basis, subject to refund if the proposed increase is not approved.

## CUSTOMER RIGHTS

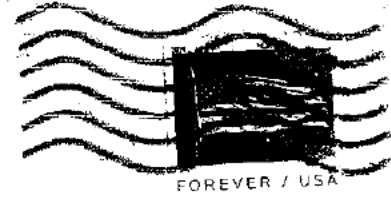
Under South Dakota law (SDCL 49-34A-12), a customer has the right to join with 24 other customers to file a written objection and may request that the SDPUC suspend the rate increase and hold a public hearing to determine if the rate increase should be allowed.

For more information about this proposed rate increase, visit [www.midamericanenergy.com/south-dakota-rates-increase](http://www.midamericanenergy.com/south-dakota-rates-increase) or call us at 888-427-5632 to speak to an agent or make arrangements to view information at a local corporate office.

\*The SDPUC may establish a different effective date



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