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Mr./Ms. Tuley,

This is in response to your letter objecting to MidAmerican Energy's rate increase request, Public Utilities Commission docket NG22-005. You request that the PUC suspend any rate increase and hold a public hearing to determine if any increase is warranted or allowed.

The PUC staff is currently reviewing this rate request and obtaining additional information from MidAmerican, as you will see if you follow the rate case via the docket at <https://PUC.sd.gov>. The document titled Natural Gas Rate Increase Requests is available via the docket and enclosed. As stated, *"The PUC has six months to investigate and make a decision about a rate request before the utility may put interim rates into effect, subject to refund depending on the PUC's decision."* As you will see by referencing the commission's order posted June 10, 2022 in the docket: *"The commission acted "to suspend the operation of the schedule of rates proposed by MidAmerican pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-14 for 180 days after the Application filing date of May 18, 2022."*

As provided by state law and stated in the MidAmerican Energy bill insert you included with your letter: *"Under South Dakota law (SDCL49-34A-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."*

If you have a petition or other written documentation signed by 24 other MidAmerican Energy customers in the state, please provide a copy of this document so that the commission may proceed with your request for a hearing. If you have questions and prefer to discuss these, you may contact commission's attorneys Karen Cremer or Adam de Hueck by calling 605-773-3201 or 800-332-1782 or emailing PUC@state.sd.us.

Your letter and this response will be filed under Comments and Responses in NG22-005.

Sincerely,

Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director