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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol Building  
500 East Capital Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

RE: APPLICATION OF MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICE IN SOUTH DAKOTA DOCKET NO. NG22-005

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On May 18, 2022, MidAmerican Energy Company (“MidAmerican” or “Company”) submitted an Application to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for authority to increase its natural gas distribution rates. As part of this Application, MidAmerican is required to notify customers of the proposed increase in compliance with SDCL § 49-34A-12 and ARSD §§ 20:10:13:17 to 20:10:13:19, inclusive. With this filing, MidAmerican submits to the Commission copies of the notices provided to customers in compliance with these requirements.

According to SDCL § 49-34A-12<sup>1</sup>, utilities must provide at least thirty days’ written notice prior to the effective date of any proposed increase of any rate to all affected customers served by the public utility. ARSD § 20:10:13:17 gives a utility two options to provide the required notice (1) by posting as established in ARSD § 20:10:13:18 or (2) by individual notice as prescribed in ARSD § 20:10:13:19. MidAmerican has elected to provide individual notice to all of its affected customers. Because the Company proposed its new rates become effective November 1, 2022, MidAmerican must provide the required individual notices to customers no later than October 1, 2022.

To satisfy ARSD § 20:10:13:19, MidAmerican began providing individual notices on June 1, 2022<sup>2</sup> by including the notice with customers’ bills. Customers who elect to receive paper bills will receive paper notices, and customers who elect to receive electronic bills will receive electronic notices. Additionally, MidAmerican posted notice that it filed a rate case requesting an increase to its website.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> SDCL § 49-34A-12 requires “The notice to affected customers shall include a statement that the customer has a right to join with twenty-four other customers and file a written objection to such rate increase and that they may request the commission to suspend the rate increase and to hold a public hearing to determine if such rate increase should be allowed.” MidAmerican included this statement in each individual notice as well as in the posted information on its website.

<sup>2</sup> MidAmerican stated in its transmittal letter that individual notice would begin on July 1, 2022. MidAmerican determined that it was in the best interest of customers to provide notice on June 1, 2022, and allow for an earlier intervention date. This will benefit customers by providing additional time to participate in the proceeding if they so choose.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.midamericanenergy.com/south-dakota-rates-increase>

Please contact the undersigned for additional information and questions.

Sincerely,

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Attachments