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

<u>Company Name</u>: MidAmerican Energy <u>Subject</u>: Qualifying Cogeneration

Company

and Small Power Production Purchases-

Rider No. 54

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<u>Initial Filing</u>: Yes <u>Docket No.:</u>

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

The accompanying electric tariff sheet issued by MidAmerican Energy Company ("MidAmerican") is transmitted to you for filing.

MidAmerican Energy Company Section No. 3

2nd Revised Sheet No. D-50c Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. D-50c

Effective: August 15, 2011

Enclosed herein for filing is a revised tariff sheet to update Rider No. 54 - Qualifying Cogeneration and Small Power Production Purchases tariff rate for MidAmerican's current avoided costs for the 12-month period beginning August 2011. The energy and capacity credits reflected in the rate are based on the marginal energy cost and the market value of capacity cost data in the rules of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at 18 CFR 292.302. These rules are promulgated pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA".) Pursuant to these rules, MidAmerican, as an electric utility with total sales of electric energy for purposes other than resale exceeding 500 million kWh, is required to file avoided cost information biannually with each of its state regulatory authorities.

While the biannual PURPA Avoided Cost Report is not due until 2012, one of MidAmerican's state regulatory authorities, the Illinois Commerce Commission requires public utilities subject to its

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jurisdiction to annually update avoided cost based on the data lists in 18 CFR 292.302. Because MidAmerican's avoided costs in all reports are calculated on system-wide basis, they do not vary between MidAmerican's state jurisdictions and the data filed for 18 CFR 292.302 is applicable to all of MidAmerican's electric jurisdictions. In other words, the data filed in Illinois is the same as that would be applicable to South Dakota and Iowa if the PURPA Avoided Cost Report was due in odd-numbered years. MidAmerican supports its proposed avoided costs for South Dakota using the report filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission, attached. The information comparable to the biannual PURPA Avoided Cost Report is included in Item No. 4 of Attachment 1.

MidAmerican is required by the Illinois Commerce Commission to annually update its avoided costs for the upcoming year beginning August 15. In order to provide for consistent application of current avoided cost rates in all jurisdictions, MidAmerican is proposing to update its avoided cost tariffs in South Dakota and Iowa.

The information provided in Attachment 1 is based on calendar year periods while the rates proposed in the tariff are adjusted to the 12-month period beginning August 2011; Attachment 2 includes the proposed rates. MidAmerican is proposing revisions to the energy costs only and is not seeking changes to the capacity cost for 2011 as forecasted capacity market prices are stable for the upcoming twelve months. These avoided costs represent payments made by MidAmerican to qualifying generating facilities interconnected with MidAmerican's electric system. Currently, there are no qualifying generating facilities interconnected with MidAmerican in South Dakota.

The rates proposed in Rider No. 54 equal those proposed and filed in Illinois Rate No. 57 – Cogeneration and Small Power Production Facilities and those to be filed in Iowa Rate QF – Cogeneration and Small Power Production Facilities.

Any questions pertaining to this tariff filing may be directed to Melanie Acord at (563) 333-8047.

Sincerely,

/s/

Melanie A. Acord Senior Pricing Strategist

Attachments