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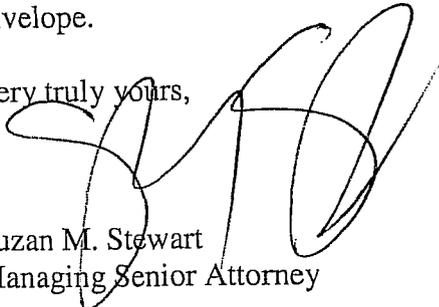
Re: Docket No. EL06-018
In the Matter of the Consideration of the New PURPA Standards

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Please find enclosed for filing the original and 11 copies of a Petition to Intervene of MidAmerican Energy Company in the above-captioned case.

Please file stamp the extra copy and return in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Very truly yours,



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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSIDERATION OF THE NEW PURPA STANDARDS))

Docket No. EL06-018

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY

MidAmerican Energy Company ("MidAmerican") hereby petitions the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") to permit MidAmerican to intervene in this proceeding, and in support of its Petition states as follows:

1. On August 8, 2005, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 ("EPAct 2005") was signed into law. Certain provisions in the EPAct 2005 amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act ("PURPA") of 1978. EPAct 2005 adds five new federal standards to PURPA regarding net metering, fuel diversity, fossil fuel generation efficiency, smart metering, and interconnection for distributed resources.

2. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-93, and the EPAct 2005. At its July 11, 2006, meeting, the Commission considered how to proceed with the new PURPA standards. The Commission found that the affected utilities are the rate regulated investor owned utilities and also decided that this docket will encompass all of the affected utilities and will address all of the remaining standards, with the exception of net metering.

3. MidAmerican is an investor-owned, rate regulated public utility serving electric

customers in the State of South Dakota. As an electric utility serving customers in South Dakota, MidAmerican is an affected utility subject to the new PURPA standards. MidAmerican wishes to intervene in order to participate as necessary in the determination by the Commission of the PURPA Standards. MidAmerican's interests in this proceeding are unique and cannot be fully and adequately represented by the existing parties. MidAmerican and its customers will be directly affected by the issues raised in this proceeding and the outcome of the proceeding.

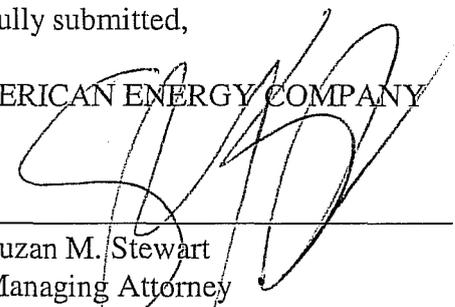
WHEREFORE, MidAmerican respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition and allow it to intervene and be granted status of a party to this proceeding.

DATED this 10th day of August, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY

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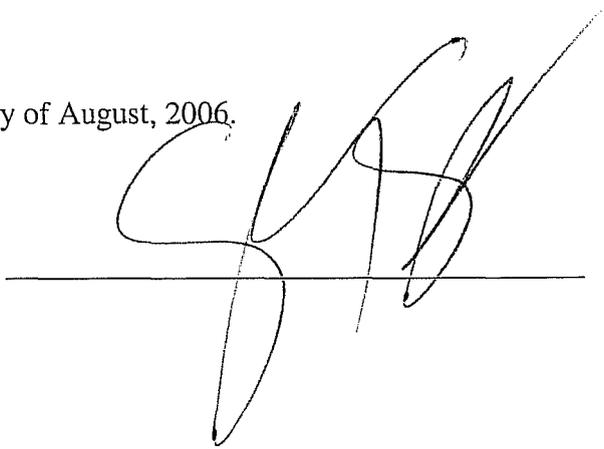
Certificate of Service

The undersigned does certify that the foregoing Petition to Intervene has been served this day upon the following in accordance with the rules of the Public Utilities Commission.

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Dated at Sioux City, Iowa this 10^h day of August, 2006.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DAG", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.