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September 13, 2011

Mr. William J. Fehrman
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SUBJECT: QUAD CITIES NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2 - REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO MIDAMERICAN ENERGY
COMPANY'S DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING STATUS REPORT (TAC NOS.
ME5524 AND ME5525)

Dear Mr. Fehrman:

By letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated March 30, 2011, MidAmerican Energy Company submitted the Decommissioning Funding Status Report, for the Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2.

The NRC staff is reviewing your submittal and has determined that additional information is required to complete the review. The specific information requested is addressed in the enclosure to this letter. A response is requested within 30 days from the date of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at (301) 415-6606 or Joel.Wiebe@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joel S. Wiebe", is positioned above the typed name and title.

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Docket Nos. 50-254 and 50-265

Enclosure:
Request for Additional Information

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY

2011 DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING STATUS REPORT

QUAD CITIES NUCLEAR POWER STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2

DOCKET NOS. 50-254 AND 50-265

In reviewing the MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) submittal dated March 30, 2011, related to the 2011 Decommissioning Funding Status (DFS) Report, for the Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2, the NRC staff has determined that the following information is needed in order to complete its review:

RAI #1: Citation for real rate of returns:

In the March 30, 2011, submittal MidAmerican reported that in filings with the Iowa Utilities Board, MidAmerican periodically utilizes appropriate assumptions for decommissioning cost escalations and earnings rates. MidAmerican further states that solely for purposes of meeting NRC's minimum requirements, MidAmerican has calculated the current fund balances and annual funding levels, together with earnings at a 2 percent annual real rate of return as permitted by 10 CFR 50.75(e)(1)(ii), to satisfy NRC's minimum funding assurance requirements.

As stated in 10 CFR 50.75(f)(1),

"The information in [the DFS] report must include [. . .] the assumptions used regarding rates of escalation in decommissioning costs, rates of earnings on decommissioning funds, and rates of other factors used in funding projections. . ."

Provide the citation (e.g, an Order by the rate-regulatory authority) by the regulatory entity that allows for the assumptions used regarding rates of escalation in decommissioning costs, rate of earnings on decommissioning funds and rates of other factors assumed in your DFS report.

RAI #2: Amounts accumulated:

The provisions of 10 CFR 50.75(f)(1) and (2) require the licensee to report the amount of funds accumulated to the end of the calendar year preceding the report. In the March 30, 2011, submittal, MidAmerican reported the Fair Market Value of funds accumulated through December 31, 2011.

Provide the after-tax amount of funds accumulated through December 31, 2010.

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