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Kerry Head Senior Quality Coordinator MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY 106 East Second Street P.O. Box 4350 Davenport, Iowa 52808-4350

RE: One Call Violations – Woodbury County

Dear Kerry Head:

It has come to our attention that on or about April 7, 2017, MidAmerican Energy Company ("MidAmerican") conducted excavations in Woodbury County, near the intersection of HWY 75 and Floyd Boulevard, without providing 48-hours notice of the planned excavation to the owners and operators of underground facilities. Underground facilities on the property, potentially including fiber optic cable lines, telephone lines, electrical lines, and natural gas transmission lines, were not located and marked prior to the excavations. Your equipment came within 10 feet of an 8-inch diameter pipeline containing nitrogen. As I am sure you are well aware, striking and damaging pipelines can have tragic results. You are fortunate that this incident did not result in injury, or worse, to any of your employees, pipeline employees, or first responders.

Failure to provide 48-hours notice of the excavation constitutes violation of Iowa Code sections 480.1A, 480.4(1)(a), and 480.4(1)(c)(1)-(8). Iowa Code section 480.6(1)(a) authorizes the Attorney General to seek civil penalties up to a maximum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) per day of each such violation involving natural gas pipelines. Iowa Code section 480.6(1)(b) authorizes the Attorney General to seek civil penalties up to a maximum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) per day of each such violation to all other underground facilities. Injunctive relief is also authorized pursuant to Iowa Code section 480.7.

Notice of a planned excavation must be given by either filing a ticket online at <a href="www.iowaonecall.com">www.iowaonecall.com</a> or calling the One Call Notification Center at 1-800-292-8989 or 811 at least 48 hours prior to the excavation.

While our office appreciates MidAmerican's efforts to review this incident to avoid future recurrences, as well as the company's long-standing support for Iowa's One Call program, the purpose of this letter is to advise that the Iowa One Call statute must be strictly complied with. Notwithstanding MidAmerican's past compliance and support, failure to comply in the future may result in judicial enforcement proceedings initiated by our office pursuant to Iowa Code sections 480.6 and 480.7.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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