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COMPANY

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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF WENDY WALKER

WITNESS IDENTIFICATION

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2 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

3 A. My name is Wendy Walker. My business address is Iowa Department of Natural
4 Resources, Air Quality Bureau, 7900 Hickman Road, Suite 1, Windsor Heights, Iowa
5 50324.

6 **Q. By whom are you presently employed and in what capacity?**

7 A. I am employed by the State of Iowa, Department of Natural Resources, as an
8 Environmental Specialist Senior within the Air Quality Bureau of the Environmental
9 Services Division. I am responsible for the development, coordination, and
10 submission of the Air Quality Bureau's budget. The budget component includes
11 establishing the annual Title V fee amount. I am responsible for rulemaking and
12 planning activities within the Bureau, including the air quality portion of EPA's
13 Performance Partnership Grant.

14 **Q. What is your educational background?**

15 A. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Science and Spanish from
16 Simpson College in May 1992.

17 **Q. Please describe your professional experience.**

1 A. I have fourteen years of regulatory experience. From March 2000 through July 2001,
2 I worked as an Air Quality Specialist for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources’
3 Air Quality Bureau, developing and providing oversight on interagency and external
4 contracts; assisting in budget development, tracking expenditures, and preparing
5 financial reports; and providing support for Bureau Planning. From July 2001
6 through July 2004, I was the Iowa Department of Economic Development’s Small
7 Business Air Quality Liaison, providing small business assistance as mandated in
8 section 507 of the Clean Air Act. I disseminated information to small businesses
9 concerning air quality regulations and compliance methods. I organized workshops
10 and other outreach events and acted as a liaison to the Iowa Department of Natural
11 Resources’ Air Quality Bureau. Since July 2004, I have been an Environmental
12 Specialist Senior, developing, coordinating, and submitting to the Environmental
13 Protection Commission the Air Quality Bureau budget. I also meet annually with the
14 regulated community concerning the Title V fee. In addition to budgetary oversight, I
15 also coordinate the development of semi-annual reports for the air quality portion of
16 U.S. EPA’s Performance Partnership Grant. I also present rulemakings and other
17 planning activities to the Environmental Protection Commission. I provide additional
18 planning and support, including Executive 80 workgroups and other stakeholder
19 groups.

20 **PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

21 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

22 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present DNR’s position as to the “MidAmerican
23 Energy Company Electric Power Generation Facility Budget Update for January 1,

1 2014 through December 31, 2023” and the “MidAmerican Energy Company Electric
2 Power Generation Facility Emissions Plan for January 1, 2014, through December 31,
3 2023”, along with the accompanying pre-filed testimony.

4 **Q. Have you reviewed the “MidAmerican Energy Company Electric Power
5 Generation Facility Budget Update for January 1, 2014 through December 31,
6 2023” and the “MidAmerican Energy Company Electric Power Generation
7 Facility Emissions Plan for January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2023” along
8 with the accompanying pre-filed testimony?**

9 A. Yes, I have.

10 **Q. Which parts of the Emissions Plan and Budget will you be addressing in your
11 testimony?**

12 A. I will address the federal regulatory requirement listed in both the Plan and Budget.

13 **Q. What are your comments regarding the Emissions Plan and Budget documents?**

14 A. The information on particulate matter, starting on page 2 of the Plan, is inaccurate.
15 The Plan states that on December 22, 2008, portions of Scott and Muscatine Counties
16 in Iowa and Rock Island County, Illinois, were declared in nonattainment for the
17 2006 24-hour fine particulate national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS). EPA
18 proposed to declare the areas as nonattainment, as indicated in the Plan; however, the
19 final designations for the 2006 24-hour fine particulate NAAQS published in the
20 Federal Register on November 13, 2009 [74 FR 58688] declared the entire State of
21 Iowa to be in attainment or unclassifiable.

1 **Q. Do you have additional comments the Emissions Plan document?**

2 A. Yes. The Plan incorrectly states information regarding sulfur dioxide monitoring data
3 on page 4. Muscatine County was declared as nonattainment based on 2009-2011
4 monitoring data [78 FR 47191]. Exceedences of the 2010 sulfur dioxide NAAQS
5 continues to be measured in Muscatine County.

6 **Q. Are there any updates the Department would like to mention that are referenced**
7 **in the 2014 Emissions Plan and Budget document?**

8 A. Yes, the Cross-State Air Pollution rule is referenced beginning on page 6 of the plan.
9 The U.S. Supreme Court issued a ruling on April 29, 2014, to uphold the Cross-State
10 Air Pollution rule.

11 **Q. Do you have any additional comments?**

12 A. No, I do not.

13 **Q. Does this Plan document, when taken together with the Budget document and**
14 **the accompanying pre-filed testimony, meet applicable state environmental**
15 **requirements?**

16 A. To the best of my knowledge and at this time, the 2014 Plan and Budget, in
17 conjunction with continued compliance with all permitting requirements and permit
18 conditions, meets applicable state environmental requirements for regulated
19 emissions.

20 **Q. Does this conclude your prepared testimony?**

21 A. Yes, it does.