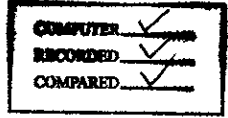


MICHELLE "MICKI" UTSLER, COUNTY RECORDER
MADISON IOWA



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**MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY
NOTICE OF EXERCISE OF OPTION**

Tract No. IA-MD-016.000

Legal Description: T77N, R29W, Section No. 10, of the 5th P.M., Madison County, Iowa

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

On this 19th day of January, 2005, MidAmerican Energy Company (Company), an Iowa corporation, by the recording of this instrument exercises its option to a perpetual right-of-way easement, granted by Howard B. Benz, Individually and as Life Estate, and Dorothy H. Benz, his wife; Dorothy DeAnn Dirksen, Eleanor Diane Hess, as Remaindermen, to Company in and pursuant to an instrument, titled, Option for Electric Line Easement, dated October 2, 2003, recorded in Book 2003 at Page 6493, in the office of the recorder of deeds for Madison County, Iowa, upon, over, under, along and across the real estate located in said County and State described as follows:

See attached Exhibit A

The undersigned hereby certifies that the further consideration expressed in the aforesaid Option instrument has been paid to Grantor(s) in the manner provided for in said Option instrument.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2005.

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY

By James Averweg
James Averweg
Vice President, Engineering

CORPORATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF IOWA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SCOTT)

On this 19th day of January, 2005, before me, a Notary Public in and for said state personally appeared James Averweg to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that he is Vice President, Engineering of MidAmerican Energy Company, an Iowa corporation; that no seal has been procured by the said corporation; that said instrument was signed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and the said James Averweg acknowledged the execution of said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation by it voluntarily executed.

Carolyn K. Tubbs
Notary Public in and for said State



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Exhibit A

The Southeast Quarter (1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Ten (10), and the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Fifteen (15), all in Township Seventy-Seven (77) North of Range Twenty-eight (28) West of the 5th P.M., Madison County, Iowa.

AND

The East One-half (E1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Ten (10), Township Seventy-Seven (77) North, Range Twenty-nine (29) West of the 5th P.M., Madison County, Iowa.