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PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 4 dated November 22, 2002 (To Prospectus Supplement dated April 1, 2002 and Prospectus dated October 23, 2001)

### MADISON GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

# Medium-Term Notes Due from Nine Months to 30 Years from Date of Issue

Form of Notes:

ý Global Notes o Certificated Notes

CUSIP Number: 5574A0 AD 9

Principal Amount: \$15,000,000

Issue Price (as a percentage of

principal amount):

100%, plus accrued interest, if any, from November 27, 2002

Original Issue Date: November 27, 2002

Maturity Date: November 26, 2004

If the Notes have a Fixed Rate: If the Notes have a Floating Rate:

Interest Rate: N/A Base Rate: LIBOR Telerate

Interest Payment Dates: N/A Spread (+/-): + .125%

Record Dates: N/A Spread Multiplier: N/A

Initial Interest Rate: Three-month LIBOR, which appears on the

Telerate Page 3750 as of 11:00 a.m., London, England time, on November 25, 2002, plus 12.5

basis points

Interest Reset Period: Quarterly

Interest Reset Dates: The third Wednesday of March, June, September

and December of each year

Initial Interest Reset Date: December 18, 2002

Interest Determination Dates: Two London Business Days prior to the Interest

Reset Dates

Interest Payment Dates: The third Wednesday of March, June, September

and December of each year and the Maturity

Date

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Record Dates: 15 calendar days prior to the applicable Interest Payment Date (except in the case of Maturity, the Maturity Date) Index Maturity: Three months Maximum Interest Rate: N/A Minimum Interest Rate: N/A Amortizing Note: o yes ý no Option To Elect Repayment: ý no o yes Optional Extension of Original Maturity Date: o yes ý no Extension period: N/A Number of extension periods: N/A Final maturity date: N/A Optional Interest Reset: o yes ý no Optional Interest Reset Dates: N/A Original Issue Discount Note: o yes ý no Redemption: ý Notes cannot be redeemed o Notes may be redeemed prior to maturity prior to maturity Initial Redemption Date: N/A Initial Redemption Percentage: N/A Annual Redemption Reduction Percentage: N/A Additional Terms: o Agency Transaction ý Principal Transaction Agent's Discount or Commission: \$37,500 Proceeds to Company: \$14,962,500

USE OF PROCEEDS

We intend to use our net proceeds from the sale of the notes to repay outstanding commercial paper maturing within 15 days and having a weighted average interest rate of 1.9% as of November 21, 2002. We used the proceeds from commercial paper issuances to finance capital expenditures, including the installation of an automated meter reading system.

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