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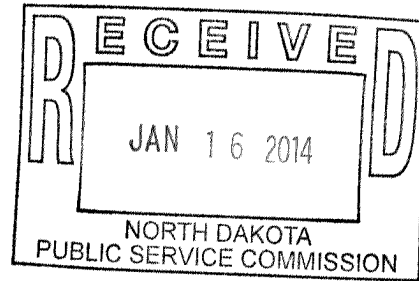
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**MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
MENARD INC. – BURLEIGH COUNTY, ND
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE & NECESSITY**

Please find enclosed for filing in the above named matter a Protest. I have included one original and eight copies (seven copies for the PSC and a courtesy copy). Once said Protest is filed, please provide to our office a file stamped copy.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Carol K. Larson

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Enclosures

cc: Ordean "Lars" Nygren – Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc.
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
Menard Inc. – Burleigh County, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-13-871

PROTEST

January 15, 2014

Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc., hereby protests the application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to extend electric service to Menard, Inc. for a commercial site near McKenzie, North Dakota; which application was filed on November 25, 2013. Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc., further requests the PSC to hold a hearing and authorize discovery in this matter pending a hearing.

Dated this 15th day of January, 2015.

PRINGLE & HERIGSTAD, P.C.

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That the above provisions were duly mailed in accordance with the provisions of the North Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure.

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 15th day of January, 2014.

RUTH HEADRICK
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires Oct. 25, 2017

Ruth Headrick
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota