



BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA

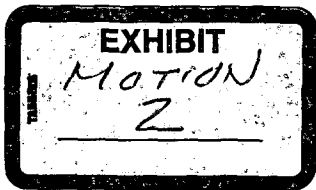
Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc.)
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Complainant,)
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vs.)
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Montana-Dakota Utilities, Inc., a)
Division of MDU Resources Group,)
Inc.)
)
Respondent.)

**CAPITALELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S
RESPONSE TO MONTANA-DAKOTA'S
REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS**

Case No. PU-05-551

Capital Electric Cooperative responds to Montana Dakota's requests for admission dated December 27, 2005, as follows:

1. The document exhibited with the request identified as Exhibit 1 is a genuine copy of a Resolution of the Bismarck Board of City Commissioners adopted May 12, 1987.
2. The document exhibited with the request identified as Exhibit 2 is a genuine copy of an Acceptance of Franchise by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Dated May 29, 1987.
3. The document exhibited with the request identified as Exhibit 3 is a genuine copy of a Resolution of the Bismarck Board of City Commissioners adopted May 25, 1993.
4. The document exhibited with the request identified as Exhibit 4 is a genuine copy of a letter from Dennis Schenkler, Investment/Finance Office, City of Bismarck, dated November 15, 2005.



5. The document exhibited with the request identified as Exhibit 5 is a genuine copy of Findings, Conclusions Decision and Order adopted by the Bismarck Board of City Commissioners on November 14, 2005.

It is noted that Rule 36 of the North Dakota Rules of Procedure entitles a party to request another to admit whether a document is "genuine." It is noted that Montana-Dakota requests Capital to admit that documents exhibited are "authentic and genuine." Capital understands the added word "authentic" as redundant and synonymous with "genuine." Capital does not admit that any of the exhibited documents is "authentic" in any sense other than that it is a genuine copy.

Dated this 24 day of January, 2006.

CAPITAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

By: Ordean Lars Nygren
Ordean "Lars" Nygren, General Manager

Dated this 27 day of January, 2006.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY
UNITED STATES MAIL**

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF WARD)

LaRae A. Thomas, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That she is a citizen of the United States of America, of legal age, and is not a party to nor interested in the above entitled action; that on the 27 day of January, 2006, this Affiant served by depositing in the mailing department of the United States Post Office at Minot, North Dakota, a sealed envelope with postage thereon duly prepaid, containing a true and correct copy of the following documents in the above entitled action:

- 1. Capital Electric Cooperative's Response to Montana-Dakota's Requests for Admissions.**

That said envelopes were addressed to the following person at his known address as follows:

Daniel S. Kuntz, Senior Attorney
918 East Divide Avenue
PO Box 5650
Bismarck, ND 58502-5650

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

LaRae A Thomas
LaRae A. Thomas

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 27 day of January, 2006.

RUTH HEADRICK
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires Oct. 25, 2011

Ruth Headrick
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota
My Commission expires: 10-25-11