

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Otter Tail Corporation/Northern Plains
Electric
Jamestown Area
Service Area Agreement**

Case No. PU-09-108

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Public Convenience & Necessity**

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND ORDINARY MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Janet Marquart deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **31st** day of **March, 2009**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy of:

**Notice of Filing, Notice of Informal Hearing and
Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Bruce Gerhardson
Associate General Counsel
Otter Tail Corporation
215 S Cascade St
PO Box 496
Fergus Falls MN 56538-0496

J Bruce Gibbens
General Counsel
Northern Plains Electric Cooperative
1515 W Main
PO Box 180
Carrington ND 58421-0180

Cert. No. 7008 1830 0004 1758 5535

Cert. No. 7008 1830 0004 1758 5542

Janet Marquart further deposes and says that on the **31st** day of **March, 2009**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

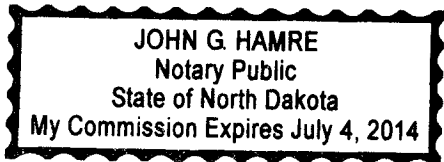
Mark Helland, Vice President
Customer Service
Otter Tail Corporation
215 S Cascade St
PO Box 496
Fergus Falls MN 56538-0496

Lowell Stave, Alliance Manager
Northern Plains Electric Cooperative
1515 W Main
PO Box 180
Carrington ND 58421-0180

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 31st day of **March, 2009**.

SEAL



Janet Marquart

John G. Hamre

Notary Public

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March 25, 2009

On March 10, 2009, Otter Tail Corporation and Northern Plains Electric Cooperative filed a joint application for approval of a Service Area Agreement to establish service areas and designate service locations to be served by Otter Tail and Northern Plains within and around the City of Jamestown, North Dakota. Applicants further request that Otter Tail be issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to extend service to locations within the Otter Tail service area set forth in the agreement.

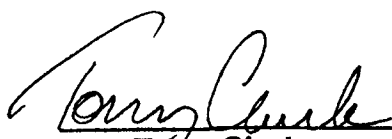
The issues to be considered in this proceeding are whether the Service Area Agreement complies with section 49-03-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, and whether the approval of the Service Area Agreement and resulting certificate issuance are compatible with the public interest.

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearings must be received by May 19, 2009.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

An **informal hearing** of this matter is scheduled to begin on **May 20, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. CDT** in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th floor of the State Capitol. At the informal hearing, the Commission will discuss this matter with the parties and interested members of the public.

For more information, contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify the Commission.

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 Tony Clark Commissioner	 Kevin Cramer President	 Brian P. Kalk Commissioner
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