

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
Extension of Service Area – US Bio Energy
Public Convenience & Necessity**

Case No. PU-09-649

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE REGULAR OR EMAIL

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 2nd day of **October, 2009**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by first class mail, fully prepaid, securely sealed, and **17** electronic mails electronically sent a copy of:

Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

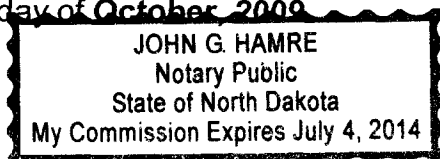
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See attached list.

Each post office address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address and each email address is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable electronic mailing address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 2nd day of ~~October, 2009~~

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Janet Marquart

John G. Hamre

Notary Public

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September 29, 2009

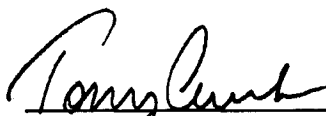
The Commission's July 25, 2007 Order in Case No. PU-07-270 granted to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU), a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction and operation of a natural gas distribution line to serve US BioEnergy, a new ethanol production facility near Hankinson, North Dakota. In this proceeding, MDU requests that the certificated area be expanded to allow MDU to provide natural gas transportation service to customer locations beyond the existing line. The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Need for the service.
2. Fitness and ability of applicant to provide service.
3. Effect on other public utilities providing similar service.
4. Adequacy of proposed service.
5. The technical, financial, and managerial ability of the applicant to provide service.

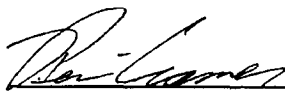
Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding(s) and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearings must be received by **November 13, 2009**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine this matter without a hearing.

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 Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary, at least 24 hours in advance.

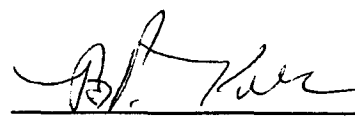
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