

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
Northwest Communications Cooperative – Williams Cty
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-10-75

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED & REGULAR MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Shelly A. Bauske deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **1st** day of **April, 2010**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Tamie A. Aberle
Pricing & Tariff Manager
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
400 N 4th Street
Bismarck ND 58501

Chris J Brostuen
Assistant General Manager
Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative
PO Box 1346
Williston ND 58802-1346

Cert. No. 7009 2820 0001 0934 2773

Cert. No. 7009 2820 0001 0934 2780

Shelly A. Bauske further deposes and says that on the **1st** day of **April, 2010**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **four** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Dean Rustad
Operations Manager
Northwest Communications Cooperative
PO Box 38
Ray ND 58849

Brandon Hoggarth
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
PO Box 1406
Williston ND 58802-1406

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Ken Callahan
District Manager
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
PO Box 1406
Williston ND 58802-1406

ND Association of RECs
PO Box 727
Mandan ND 58554

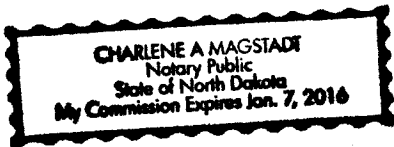
Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Shelly A Bauske

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 1st day of April, 2010.

Charlene A Magstad
Notary Public

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

March 31, 2010

On March 29, 2010, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) filed an application under North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-03 to extend service to Northwest Communications Cooperative at a point located in:

Sec 17, Twp 159N, R 102W, Williams County, North Dakota.

Submitted with the application was a statement by Northwest Communications Cooperative that it desires electric service from Montana-Dakota at the stated location on May 1, 2010. On March 30, 2010, Montana-Dakota received temporary authority from the Commission to provide the electric service.

Montana-Dakota has made a prima facie showing that it should be granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to serve the customer at this location.

Any interested party has the right to file written objection, based on the issue of public convenience and necessity, with the Commission by **April 23, 2010**, and the matter will then be set for hearing. If no objections are received by that date, the application may be granted as requested.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Tony Clark
Commissioner



Kevin Cramer
Chairman



Brian P. Kalk
Commissioner