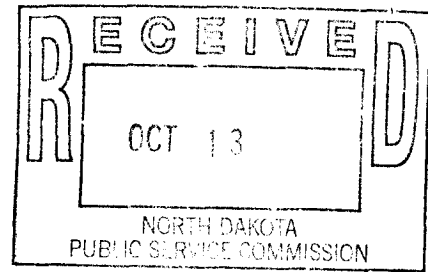


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Commissioner Kevin Cramer
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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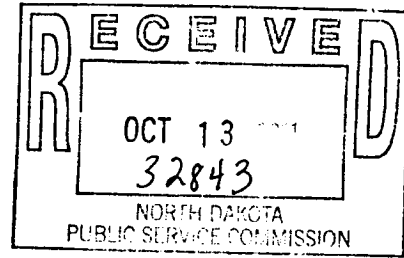
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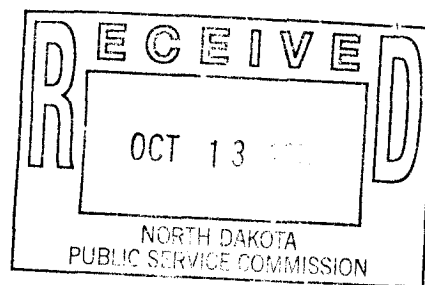
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