

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Newfield Exploration – Williams County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-11-48

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED & REGULAR MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Cara DeSaye deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **24th** day of **February, 2011**, 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 Aberle
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
400 North Fourth Street
Bismarck ND 58501

Dale Haugen
Manager
Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative
Box 1346
218 58th St. W
Williston ND 58802-1346

Cert. No. 7009 2820 0002 9238 4543

Cert. No. 7009 2820 0002 9238 4567

Cara DeSaye further deposes and says that on the **24th** day of **February, 2011**, 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.

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Chad Norpel
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
220 2nd Ave. E.
PO Box 1406
Williston ND 58802-1406

ND Association of RECs
PO Box 727
Mandan ND 58554-0727

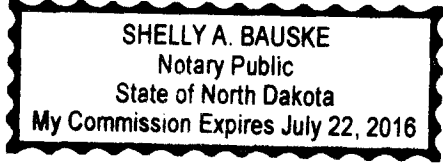
Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 24th day of February, 2011.

Cara Delaney

Shelly A Bauske
Notary Public

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

February 23, 2011

On January 26, 2011, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., an electric public utility, filed an application under Chapter 49-03, N.D.C.C. to extend service to Newfield Exploration at a location in Williams County, North Dakota.

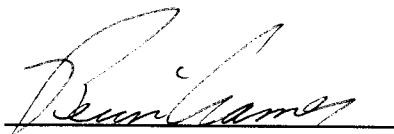
Submitted with the application was a statement by Newfield Exploration that the customer desires electric service to be provided by the applicant. Service is to be provided at a point located in:

**The NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 17, Twp 159 N, R 102 W,
Williams County, North Dakota.**


Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. has made a prima facie showing that it should serve the customer.

Any interested party has the right to file written objection, based on the issue of public convenience and necessity, with the Commission by **March 28, 2011**, 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



Kevin Cramer
Commissioner



Tony Clark
Chairman



Brian P. Kalk
Commissioner