

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. a Division of MDU  
Resources Group, Inc.  
Application for Advance Determination of Prudence  
Big Stone Air Quality Control System Project**

**Case No. PU-11-163**

**Otter Tail Power Company  
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**Case No. PU-11-165**

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY REGULAR MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY**

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 **31<sup>st</sup>** day of **August, 2011**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **five** envelopes by regular mail, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

**Notice of Prehearing Conference**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Tamie Aberle  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
400 North Fourth Street  
Bismarck ND 58501

Mark Bring  
Otter Tail Power Company  
PO Box 496  
Fergus Falls MN 56538-0496

Daniel Kuntz  
MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
PO Box 5650  
Bismarck ND 58506-5650

Sarah Andrews Herman  
Dorsey & Whitney LLP  
PO Box 1344  
Fargo ND 58107-1344

Andrew Brown  
Dorsey & Whitney LLP  
50 South Sixth Street Suite 1500  
Minneapolis MN 55402

**Cara DeSaye** further deposes and says that on the **31<sup>st</sup>** day of **August, 2011**, she hand delivered **one** envelope securely sealed, containing a photocopy of the same.

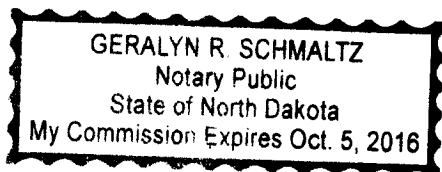
The envelope was addressed as follows:

Mark Gruman  
ND Public Service Commission  
600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 408  
Bismarck ND 58505-0480

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **31<sup>st</sup>** day of **August, 2011**.

SEAL



*Cara DeSaye*  
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*Geralyn R. Schmaltz*  
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Notary Public

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NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

To: Counsel for Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Otter Tail Power Company,  
Commission Advocacy Staff, and the Commission

Please take notice that a prehearing conference has been scheduled for this case to be held Friday, September 2, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., in the hearing room of the North Dakota Public Service Commission, 12th floor, Capitol Building, Bismarck, North Dakota.

The purposes of the prehearing conference are to consider and decide whether these cases may and should be consolidated pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of N. D. Admin. Code § 69-02-04-04; to consider and establish a schedule and procedure for the initiation and completion of discovery; to consider and establish a schedule for the service and filing of pre-filed testimony and any rebuttal testimony; to consider a schedule and procedure for the identification of witnesses who are expected to testify and the subject matter of their respective testimony, the identification of expert witnesses who are expected to testify and the subject matter, the substance of the facts and opinions, and a summary of the grounds for each opinion for his or her testimony; and to consider and decide any other matters necessary or desirable to facilitate and expedite the hearing.

Counsel having his or her office located outside of Bismarck, North Dakota, may participate in the prehearing conference by telephone conference. Counsel who would do so shall inform the administrative law judge of his or her intention and provide a telephone number for his or her participation by e-mail sent not later than 9:00 a.m. the morning of the hearing.

Dated August 30, 2011.

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

By:   
Al. Wahl, Administrative Law Judge