

**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  
Application for Advance Determination of Prudence  
Big Stone Air Quality Control System Project**

**Case No. PU-11-165**

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED & ELECTRONIC 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 **8<sup>th</sup>** day of **September, 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 Consolidated Hearing**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Daniel Kuntz  
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**Cara DeSaye** further deposes and says that on the **8<sup>th</sup>** day of **September, 2011**, she electronically mailed **four** photocopies of the same.

The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

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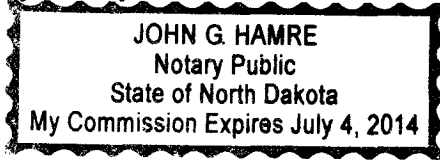
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of **September, 2011.**

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*Cara DeLay*

*John G. Hamre*  
Notary Public

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**NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED HEARING**

**September 7, 2011**

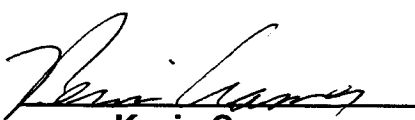
On May 20, 2011, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed an application for advance determination of prudence for its investment in air quality control equipment at the Big Stone Generating Plant, Case No. PU-11-163. Also on May 20, 2011, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) filed an application for advance determination of prudence for its investment in air quality control equipment at the Big Stone Generating Plant, Case No. PU-11-165.

A **consolidated public hearing** on these two cases will be held beginning **November 29, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. You can listen to a broadcast of the hearing on the Commission's website at <http://www.psc.state.nd.us/psc/media/comm-live.html>.

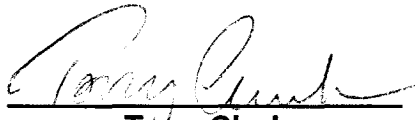
The issue to be considered in each case is whether the resource addition is prudent.

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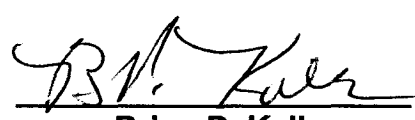
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