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Thank You.

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**MDU / Mountrail-Williams Electric Coop
Williston Area
Service Area Agreement**

Case No. PU-11-344

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of
MDU Resources Group, Inc.
Williston Area – Service Area Agreement
Public Convenience & Necessity**

Case No. PU-11-374

**NOTICE OF FILING, NOTICE OF INFORMAL HEARING
AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

July 13, 2011

On July 1, 2011, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Montana-Dakota or MDU) and Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative (Mountrail-Williams) filed a joint application for approval of a Service Area Agreement to establish service areas and designate service locations to be served by Montana-Dakota and Mountrail-Williams within the City of Williston, North Dakota, and surrounding areas. Montana-Dakota further request that Montana-Dakota be issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to extend service to locations within the Montana-Dakota service area set forth in the agreement.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are whether the Service Area Agreement complies with section 49-03-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, and whether the approval of the Service Area Agreement and resulting certificate issuance are compatible with the public interest.

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearings must be received by August 23, 2011.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

An **informal hearing** of this matter is scheduled to begin on **August 24, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. CT** in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th floor of the State Capitol. At the informal hearing, the Commission will discuss this matter with the parties and interested members of the public.

For more information, contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary, at least 24 hours in advance.

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