

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

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 **14th** day of **July, 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 Filing, Notice of Informal Hearing and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Dale Haugen
Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative
218 58th Street West
Williston ND 58802

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

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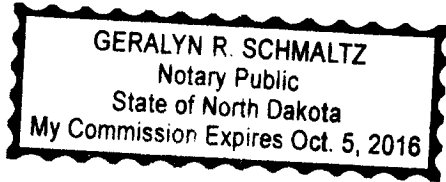
Cara DeSaye further deposes and says that on the **14th** day of **July, 2011**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, containing a photocopy of the same:

Daniel Kuntz
MDU Resources Group, Inc.
PO Box 5650
Bismarck ND 58502-5650

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 14th day of July, 2011.

SEAL



Cara DeWay

Geraldyn R. Schmaltz
Notary Public

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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.

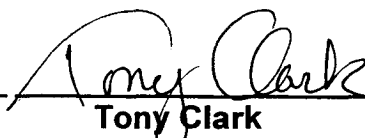
An **informal hearing** of this matter is scheduled to begin on **August 24, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. CT** in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th floor of the State Capitol. At the informal hearing, the Commission will discuss this matter with the parties and interested members of the public.

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.

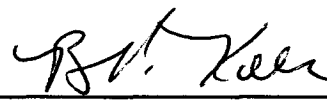
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