

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

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Advance Determination of Prudence- 88 MW Turbine  
Application**

**Case No. PU-11-395**

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
88 MW Combustion Turbine  
Public Convenience & Necessity**

**Case No. PU-11-396**

**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 **30<sup>th</sup>** day of **January, 2012**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, one envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

**Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

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

**Cert. No. 7009 2820 0002 9237 5329**

**Cara DeSaye** further deposes and says that on the **30<sup>th</sup>** day of **January, 2012**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, one envelope by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

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

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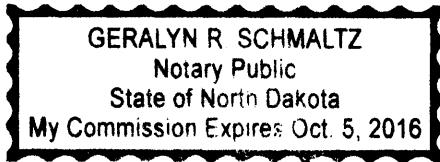
Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

Cara Debye

Geraldyn R Schultz  
Notary Public

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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

**January 27, 2012**

On July 7, 2011, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed an application for advance determination of prudence for its investment in an 88 megawatt simple cycle combustion turbine to be located adjacent to MDU's Heskett Generating Station near Mandan, North Dakota, Case No. PU-11-395. Also on July 7, 2011, MDU filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the same 88 megawatt simple cycle combustion turbine, Case No. PU-11-396.

On September 7, 2011, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Filing and Notice of Intervention Deadline providing until October 14, 2011 for petitions to intervene.

On October 26, 2011, the Commission issued Notice of Consolidated Hearing consolidating these two cases for hearing for January 10, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room of the State Capitol, 12th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. The hearing was held as scheduled.

On January 13, 2012, MDU and Advocacy Staff entered into a Settlement Agreement which they assert will resolve the issues in Case No. PU-11-395 and Case No. PU-11-396.

The issue to be considered in this matter is whether the Settlement Agreement should be approved and adopted by the Commission for the resolution of the issues in Case No. PU-11-395 and Case No. PU-11-396. Those interested are invited to comment 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 close of business on March 7, 2012.**

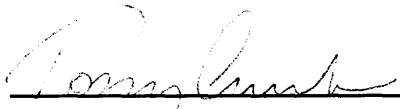
The Commission may make a decision in these two cases without hearing. If the Commission does not approve and adopt the Settlement Agreement in full resolution of the two cases, further Commission proceedings may be required.

For more information or a copy of the Settlement Agreement, contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or 877-245-6685 (toll free in North Dakota), 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 the Commission.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



**Kevin Cramer  
Commissioner**



**Tony Clark  
Chairman**



**Brian P. Kalk  
Commissioner**