

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
Patrick Schoemer- Ward County
Public Convenience & Necessity**

Case No. PU-11-656

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 **22nd** day of **December, 2011**, 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:

Order

and an original of:

Certificate of Public Convenience Number 5458

The envelope was addressed as follows:

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

Cert. No. 7009 2820 0002 9238 0811

Cara DeSaye further deposes and says that on the **22nd** day of **December, 2011**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, containing a photocopy of the same.


The envelopes were addressed as follows:


Jason Brothen
Burke-Divide Electric Cooperative, Inc.
PO Box 6
Columbus ND 58727-0006

ND Association of RECs
PO Box 727
Mandan ND 58554-0727

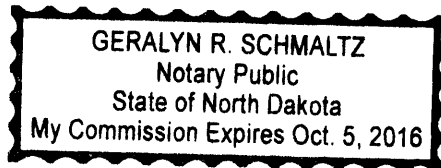
Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 22nd day of December, 2011.




Notary Public

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ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE & NECESSITY

December 21, 2011

On October 25, 2011, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., an electric public utility, filed an application under Chapter 49-03, N.D.C.C. to extend service to Patrick Schoemer at a location in Ward County, North Dakota.

On November 10, 2011, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in this proceeding. The Notice provided if no objections were received by December 12, 2011, the application would be granted as requested. No objections have been received.

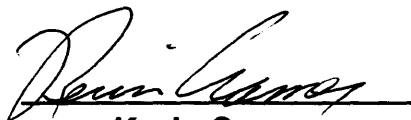
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The Commission orders:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. is issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5458 authorizing the provision of electric distribution service to Patrick Schoemer at a point located in:

Section 6, Twp. 160N, R 88W, Ward County, North Dakota.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



**Kevin Cramer
Commissioner**



**Tony Clark
Chairman**



**Brian P. Kalk
Commissioner**

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 5458

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., to serve Patrick Schoemer in the of Section 6, Township 160N, Range 88W, Ward County, North Dakota.

This certificate is issued in accordance with the Order of this Commission dated December 21, 2011 in Case No. PU-11-656, and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in the Order.

This certificate is conditioned upon Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.

Bismarck, North Dakota, December 21, 2011.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Secretary


Commissioner