

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Otter Tail Power Company/North Central Electric
Cooperative, Inc.
Bottineau Area
Service Area Agreement**

Case No. PU-11-659

**Otter Tail Power Company
Bottineau Area- Bottineau County
Public Convenience & Necessity**

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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 **15th** day of **November, 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:

Don Negaard
Pringle & Herigstad, P.C.
2525 Elk Drive
PO Box 1000
Minot, ND 58702-1000

Bruce Gerhardson
Associate General Counsel
Otter Tail Power Company
215 South Cascade Street
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496

Cert. No. 7010 3090 0002 4629 4164

Cert. No. 7010 3090 0002 4629 4348

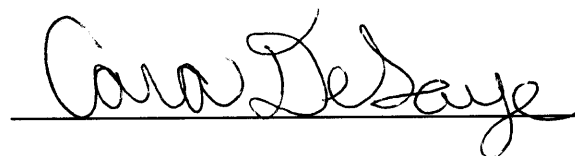
Cara DeSaye further deposes and says that on the **15th** day of **November, 2011**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, containing a photocopy of the same:

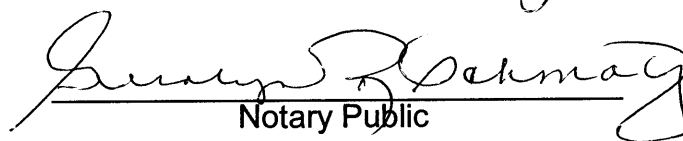
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Wayne Martian
North Central Electric Cooperative
501 11th St. West
Bottineau, ND 58318-1916

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

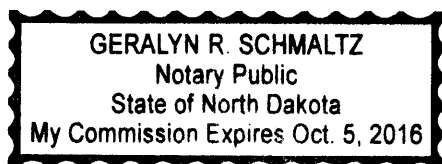
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 15th day of November, 2011.





Notary Public

SEAL



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November 10, 2011

On October 13, 2011, North Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Otter Tail Power Company filed a joint application for approval of a Service Area Agreement to establish service areas and designate service locations to be served by North Central and Otter Tail within and around the City of Bottineau, North Dakota. Applicants further request Otter Tail be issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to extend service to locations within the Otter Tail 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 December 16, 2011.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

An **informal hearing** of this matter is scheduled to begin on **December 7, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. CST** 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 the Commission.

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