

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
West Prairie Investments, LLP- Mountrail County
Public Convenience & Necessity**

Case No. PU-12-149

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 **21st** day of **June, 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:

Order

and an original of:

Certificate Number 5480

The envelope was addressed as follows:

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

Cert. No. 7011 2000 0002 0363 3424

Cara DeSaye further deposes and says that on the **21st** day of **June, 2012**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

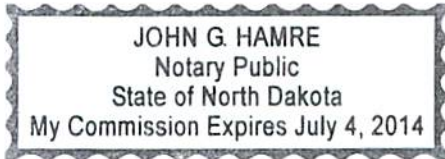
ND Association of RECs
PO Box 727
Mandan ND 58554-0727

Chris Brostuen
Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative
PO Box 1346
Williston ND 58802

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 21st day of June, 2012.

SEAL



Cara Delaney

John G. Hamre
Notary Public

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ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE & NECESSITY

June 20, 2012

On May 4, 2012, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., an electric public utility, filed an application under Chapter 49-03, N.D.C.C. to extend service to West Prairie Investments, L.L.P. at a location in Mountrail County, North Dakota.

On May 16, 2012, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in this proceeding. The Notice provided if no objections were received by June 18, 2012, the application would be granted as requested. No objections have been received.

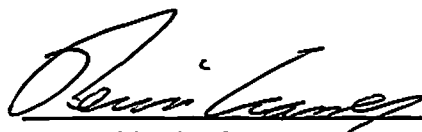
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The Commission orders:

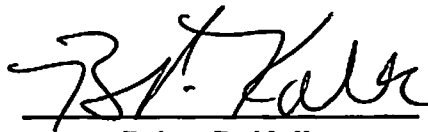
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. is issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5480 authorizing the provision of electric distribution service to West Prairie Investments, L.L.P. at a point located in:

Section 19, Twp. 156N, R 92W, Mountrail County, North Dakota.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Kevin Cramer
Commissioner



Brian P. Kalk
Chairman

Vacant

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 5480

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 West Prairie Investments, L.L.P. in the of Section 19, Township 156N, Range 92W, Mountrail County, North Dakota.

This certificate is issued in accordance with the Order of this Commission dated June 20, 2012 in Case No. PU-12-149, 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, June 20, 2012.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Secretary


Commissioner