

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**McLean Electric Coop / Mountrail-Williams
Electric Coop
McLean & Mountrail Counties Area
Service Area Agreement**

Case No. PU-12-196

**NOTICE OF FILING, NOTICE OF INFORMAL HEARING
AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

May 16, 2012

On July 1, 2011, McLean Electric Cooperative, Inc. (McLean Electric) filed an application for approval of a Service Area Agreement with Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative (Mountrail-Williams) to establish service areas and designate service locations to be served by McLean Electric and Mountrail-Williams within and around the Counties of McLean and Mountrail in North Dakota.

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 approval of the Service Area Agreement is 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 June 26, 2012.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

An **informal hearing** of this matter is scheduled to begin on **June 20, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. CDT** 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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