

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**MDU/ Burke-Divide Electric Cooperative
City of Kenmare
Service Area Agreement**

Case No. PU-12-231

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
City of Kenmare- Service Area Agreement
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 22nd day of **June, 2012**, 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:

Jason Brothen
Burke-Divide Electric Cooperative
PO Box 6
Columbus ND 58727

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

Cert. No. 7011 2000 0002 0363 3448

Cert. No. 7011 2000 0002 0363 3455

Cara DeSaye further deposes and says that on the 14th day of **July, 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:

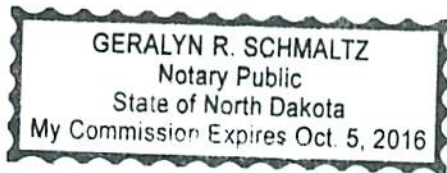
Daniel Kuntz
MDU Resources Group, Inc.
PO Box 5650
Bismarck ND 58502-5650

Debra Hoffarth
Pringle & Herigstad, P.C.
PO Box 1000
Minot ND 58702-1000

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 22nd day of **June**, 2012.

SEAL



Cara Debye

Geraldine Schmalz

Notary Public

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June 20, 2012

On May 25, 2012, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU). and Burke Divide Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Burke-Divide) filed a joint application for approval of a Service Area Agreement to establish service areas and designate service locations to be served by MDU and Burke-Divide within and around the City of Kenmare, North Dakota. MDU further requests issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to extend service to locations within the MDU service area set forth in the agreement.

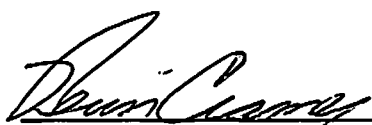
The issues to be considered are whether the Agreement complies with section 49-03-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, and whether the approval of the Service Area Agreement and resulting certificate issuance are compatible with the public interest.

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 July 31, 2012.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

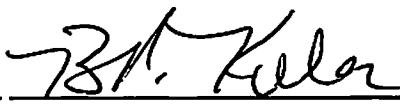
An **informal hearing** of this matter is scheduled to begin on **August 1, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. CDT** in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th floor of the State Capitol. At the informal hearing, the Commission will discuss this matter with the parties and interested members of the public.

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 the Commission.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



**Kevin Cramer
Commissioner**



**Brian P. Kalk
Chairman**

Vacant