

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
345 KV Transmission Line- Ellendale to SD Border
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-13-272

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED 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 **July, 2013**, 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 Opportunity for Consolidated Hearing

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

**Pete Beithon
Otter Tail Power Company
PO Box 496
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496**

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

Cert. No. 7013 0600 0001 7154 5024

Cert. No. 7013 0600 0001 7154 5031

Cara DeSaye further deposes and says that on the 15th day of **July, 2013**, 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.

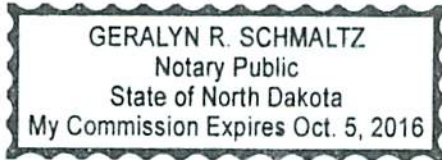
Daniel S. Kuntz
MDU Resources Group, Inc.
PO Box 5650
Bismarck, ND 58506-5650


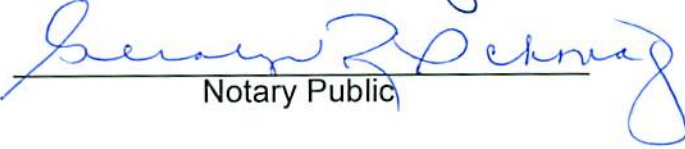
Jennifer Smestad
Otter Tail Power Company
PO Box 496
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496

The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 15th day of July, 2013.

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Notary Public

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSOLIDATED HEARING

July 10, 2013

On June 3, 2013 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a 345 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities from the South Dakota border to a new substation to be constructed near Ellendale, North Dakota. Also on June 3, 2013, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a 345 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities from the South Dakota border to a new substation to be constructed near Ellendale, North Dakota. These applications are for the North Dakota segment of a proposed regional transmission line from Ellendale, North Dakota to Big Stone, South Dakota.

Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law and fact, the Commission has consolidated the two cases under North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-04-04.

The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Whether public convenience and necessity will be served by construction and operation of the facilities.
2. Whether each of the applicants is fit, willing, and able to provide service.

Those interested are invited to comment on the applications in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceedings and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearing must be received by **August 19, 2013**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

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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