

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Cass County Electric Coop/ City of Valley City
Valley City
Service Area Agreement**

Case No. PU-13-898

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 **28th** day of **March, 2014**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **three** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

Order

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

William Schlossman, Jr.
Vogel Law Firm
PO Box 1389
Fargo ND 58107-1389

Scott Handy
Cass County Electric Coop.
3312 42nd St. S. Suite 200
Fargo ND 58104

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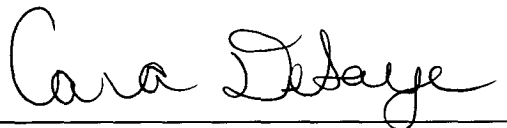
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City of Valley City
254 2nd Ave NE
Valley City ND 58072

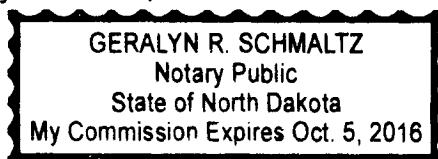
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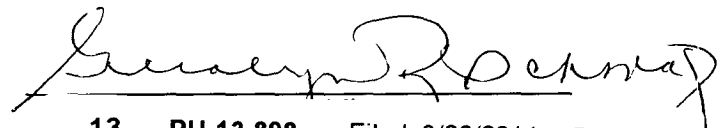
Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **28th** day of **March, 2014**.



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ORDER APPROVING ELECTRIC SERVICE AREA AGREEMENT

March 26, 2014

On December 16, 2013, Cass County Electric Cooperative, Inc. and the City of Valley City filed a joint application for approval of a Service Area Agreement to establish service areas and designate service locations to be served by Cass Electric and Valley City within and around Valley City in Barnes County, North Dakota.

On January 15, 2014 the Commission issued a Notice of Filing, Notice of Informal Hearing and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until February 28, 2014 for receiving written comments or hearing requests. No response has been received. The notice identified the issues to be considered in this proceeding as 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.

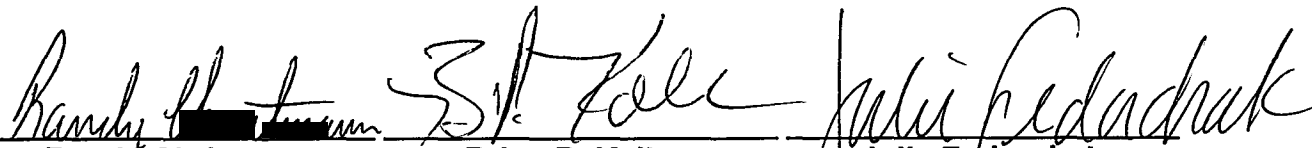
On February 12, 2014 the Commission discussed the issues with Commission staff and the applicants at an informal hearing. Applicants contend that the agreement will create certainty necessary to plan and operate efficiently while avoiding unreasonable duplication of electric facilities and assuring adequate electric service while helping to avoid disputes between the parties

Having considered this matter the Commission finds the Electric Service Area Agreement complies with N.D.C.C. section 49-03-06 and approval is compatible with the public interest. Therefore, the Commission issues the following:

Order

The Commission Orders the electric service area agreement negotiated between the City of Valley City and Cass County Electric Cooperative, Inc. is APPROVED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Randy Christmann **Brian P. Kalk** **Julie Fedorchak**
Commissioner **Chairman** **Commissioner**