

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

MDU/McKenzie Electric Cooperative, Inc.
City of Watford City
Service Area Agreement

Case No. PU-14-158

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
City of Watford City- 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 **28th** day of **April, 2014**, 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:

John Skurupey
McKenzie Electric Cooperative, Inc.
908 4th Ave NE
Watford City ND 58854

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

Cert. No. 7013 2630 0001 2317 0927

Cert. No. 7013 2630 0001 2317 0873

Cara DeSaye further deposes and says that on the **28th** day of **April, 2014**, 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

Carol Larson
Pringle & Herigstad Law Firm
PO Box 1000
Minot ND 58701

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

April 23, 2014

On April 4, 2014, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU) and McKenzie Electric Cooperative, Inc. (McKenzie Electric) 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 McKenzie Electric within and around the City of Watford City, 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 May 30, 2014.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

An **informal hearing** of this matter is scheduled to begin on **May 6, 2014, 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


**Randy Christmann
Commissioner**


**Brian P. Kalk
Chairman**


**Julie Fedorchak
Commissioner**

APPROVED

DATE: 4-23-14
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I move the Commission assess a filing fee of \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Filing, Notice of Informal Hearing and Notice of Opportunity For Hearing in the joint application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Company and McKenzie Electric Cooperative, Inc. for approval of an electric service area agreement and the resulting issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity to establish and designate service locations to be served by MDU and McKenzie Electric within and around the city of Watford City, North Dakota, Case Nos. PU-14-157 and PU-14-158.

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