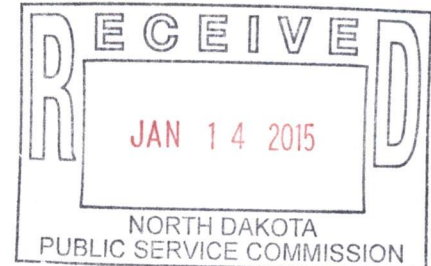


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RE: Case No. PU-14-718  
Request to Withdraw Application for an Order and Certificate to Extend Service to Fidelity Exploration and Production Company's Deborah & Norcken Oil Well Sites east of South Heart, North Dakota

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith respectfully requests Commission authority to withdraw its Application for Permanent Authority to extend electric service to Fidelity Exploration and Production Company's (Fidelity) Deborah & Norcken Well Sites at a location in the NW ¼ of Section 17, Township 139N, Range 97W, Stark County, North Dakota submitted to the Commission on September 19, 2014. Montana-Dakota and Roughrider Electric Cooperative have been in continuing discussions in developing a Service Area Agreement for the South Heart area. As part of those discussions and in consideration of Fidelity's need for electric service at this time, Montana-Dakota requests authority to withdraw its Application and Roughrider will provide service to the Fidelity location noted above.

Please acknowledge receipt by stamping or initialing the duplicate copy of this letter attached hereto and returning the same in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely,



Tamie A. Aberle  
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

Cc: Roughrider Electric Cooperative  
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