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**APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT AUTHORITY
TO EXTEND SERVICE TO BURLINGTON NORTHERN
SANTA FE AT MCKENZIE, NORTH DAKOTA**

Please find enclosed for filing in the above named matter a Protest. I have included one original and eight copies (seven copies for the PSC and a courtesy copy). Once said Protest is filed, please provide to our office a file stamped copy.

In MDU's December 19, 2014 letter, MDU recognized this case is related to the pending appeal in Case No. PU-13-871 and that MDU was willing to delay a Commission decision until that case is resolved. Capital Electric is also willing to delay this matter pending the conclusion of that appeal.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Matthew Olson

Matthew H. Olson
MHO:tb
Enclosures

cc: Ordean "Lars" Nygren – Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Tamie Aberle – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
ND Association of RECs

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application
of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.,
for an Order and Certificate to
Extend Service to Burlington Northern
Santa Fe at McKenzie, North Dakota

Case No. PU-14-830

PROTEST

December 29, 2014

Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc., hereby protests the application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for Permanent Authority to Extend Service to Burlington Northern Santa Fe at McKenzie, North Dakota; which application was filed on December 19, 2014. Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc., further requests the PSC to hold a hearing and authorize discovery in this matter pending a hearing.

Dated this 29th day of December, 2014.

PRINGLE & HERIGSTAD, P.C.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY REGULAR MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF WARD)

Tricia Buchholz, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That she is a citizen of the United States of America, of legal age, and is not a party to nor interested in the above entitled action; that on the 29th day of December, 2014, this Affiant served by depositing in the mailing department of the United States Post Office at Minot, North Dakota, a sealed envelope with postage thereon duly prepaid, containing a true and correct copy of the following documents in the above entitled action:

CAPITAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.'S PROTEST

That said envelopes were addressed to the following person at her known address as follows:

Tamie Aberle
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
400 North Fourth Street
Bismarck, ND 58502-5650

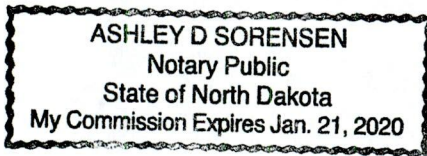
Tricia Buchholz further deposes and says that on the 29th day of December, 2014, she deposited in the United States Post Office at Minot, North Dakota, a sealed envelope with posted thereon duly prepaid, containing a true and correct copy of the above document:

ND Association of RECs
P.O. box 727
Mandan, ND 58554-0727

That the above provisions were duly mailed in accordance with the provisions of the North Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure.

Tricia Buchholz
Tricia Buchholz

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 29th day of December, 2014.



Ashley D. Sorensen
Notary Public
For the State of North Dakota