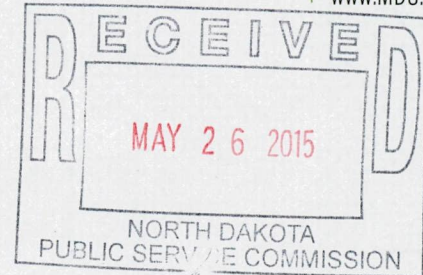


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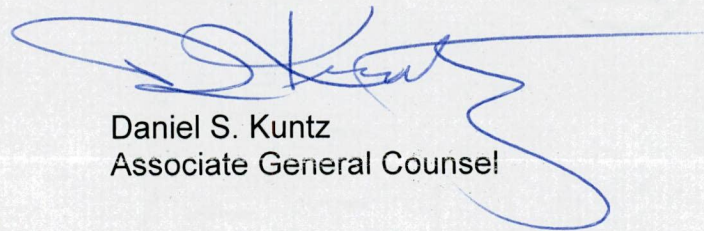
Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Case No. PU-15-110

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing is the Answer of the Respondent Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. to the Complaint of Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Case No. PU-15-110. A copy of the Answer is being served upon Capital Electric Cooperative through its counsel Matthew Olson.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Kuntz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel S. Kuntz
Associate General Counsel

DSK/djv
Enclosure
cc: Matthew H. Olson
Tamie Aberle
Patrick Fahn

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc.,
Complainant,
v.
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
Respondent**

Case No. PU-15-110

**ANSWER OF RESPONDENT
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
TO CAPITAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

The Respondent, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., for its answer to the complaint of the Complainant, states and alleges as follows:

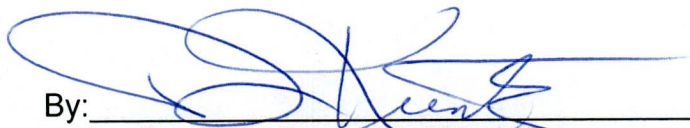
1. The Respondent admits the allegations of paragraphs 1, 2, 4, and 10 of the Complaint.
2. The Respondent denies the allegations of paragraphs 5, 6, 7, and 9 of the Complaint.
3. Answering paragraph 3 of the Complaint, Respondent states that it extended electric distribution service to the location in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 139N, Range 77W, Burleigh County, North Dakota at the request of Menard, Inc. The location served is within the geographic boundaries of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5845 issued to the Respondent dated September 17, 2014.
4. Paragraph 8 of the Complaint does not state any allegations and therefore no response pleading is required, however, to the extent a response pleading is required, Respondent denies the allegations of paragraph 8.

Respondent denies that Complainant has a cause of action against the Respondent and denies the Complainant is entitled to any relief requested in the Complaint.

Respondent requests the Complainant's complaint be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted this 22 day of May, 2015.

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.

By: 

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A true and correct copy of the foregoing Answer of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., to Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. was mailed on the 22nd day of May, 2015, to the following:

Matthew H. Olsen
P.O. Box 1000
Minot, N.D. 58702-1000



Dorothy Vedvick