

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC / Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
Transfer of Site Certificate
Siting Application

Case No. PU-15-592

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Geralyn R. Schmaltz deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **5th** day of **November, 2015**, 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:

Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Tamie A. Aberle
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Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
400 North 4th Street
Bismarck, ND 58501
Cert. No. 7015 0640 0006 6433 4452

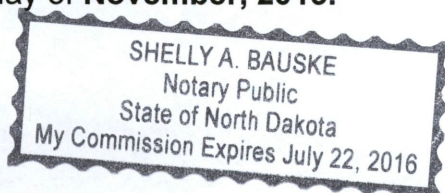
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 5th day of **November, 2015**.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shelly A. Bauske", written over a horizontal line.

Shelly A. Bauske
Notary Public

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

November 4, 2015

On August 14, 2014, in Case No. PU-11-601, the Commission issued First Amended Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 35 to Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC authorizing construction of a 150 MW Thunder Spirit Wind Energy Project in Adams County, North Dakota.

On June 30, 2015, in Case Nos. PU-14-843 and PU-14-844 the Commission issued an advance determination of prudence and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5870 to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU) authorizing its purchase of the Thunder Spirit Wind Energy Project.


On July 22, 2015, in Case No. PU-15-592, MDU and Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC filed an application for transfer of Site Certificate Number 35 effective upon closing of the sale of the Thunder Spirit Wind Energy Project from Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC to MDU.

The issues to be considered in Case No. PU-15-592 are whether MDU agrees and is able to comply with the terms and conditions of the site certificate issued to Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC and whether the requested transfer is compatible with the public interest.

Those interested are invited to comment 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 hearing must be received by December 8, 2015.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

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.

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