

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery
Tariff and Rates**

Case No. PU-15-703

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 **19th** day of **November, 2015**, 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 Opportunity for Hearing

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

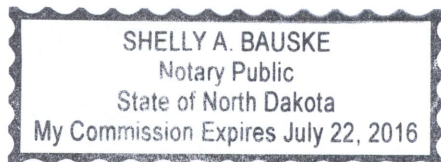
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Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
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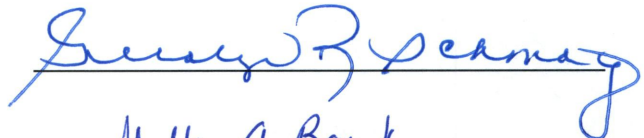
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **19th** day of **November, 2015**.

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Shelly A Bauske
Notary Public

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

November 18, 2015

On October 26, 2015, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU) filed an application to implement a Renewable Resource Cost Adjustment Rate 55 tariff and rates. The proposed rates include projected costs through 2016 related to MDU's investment in renewable generation resources, specifically the Thunder Spirit Wind Project. The proposal includes the following charges by customer class:

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Residential	\$0.00790 per Kwh
Small General	\$0.00552 per Kwh
Large General	\$0.00669 per Kwh
Lighting	\$0.00491 per Kwh

The increase for a typical residential customer using 894 kWh per month would be \$7.06 per month. The customer will also see a corresponding decrease in fuel costs of \$4.38 per month, which would result in a net increase of \$2.68 per month. The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Are the proposed costs reasonable?
2. Are the new rates designed in a just and reasonable manner?
3. Other relevant information or proposals concerning the proceeding.

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 hearing must be received by December 21, 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, Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary, 24 hours in advance.

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