

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Great Plains Natural Gas Co.
Gas Transportation – ProGold
Service Agreements(s)

Case No. PU-16-604

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 **8th** day of **September, 2016**, 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 Filing, Notice of Informal Hearing, And Notice Of Opportunity For Hearing**

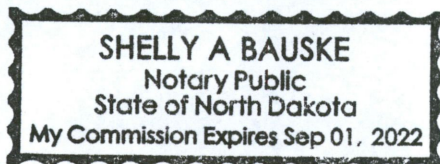
The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Tamie Aberle-Director of Regulatory Affairs
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Cert. No. 7016 0600 0000 4633 7720

Karl Liepitz-Senior Attorney
MDU Resources Group, Inc.
PO Box 5650
Bismarck, ND 58506-5650
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The address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **8th** day of **September, 2016**.



SEAL

Geralyn R. Schmaltz

Shelly A. Bauske
Notary Public

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**NOTICE OF FILING, NOTICE OF INFORMAL HEARING, AND
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September 7, 2016

On August 18, 2016 Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (GP) filed for approval of its long term transportation service agreement with ProGold. GP proposes to increase the per dekatherm (dk) charge to ProGold for natural gas transportation service upon the Commission's approval of this agreement. The agreement also mandates additional per dk increases on January 1st of each year from 2018 through 2027. These increases will serve to reduce fixed costs that would otherwise be the responsibility of other GP customers.

Issues to be considered in this matter are:

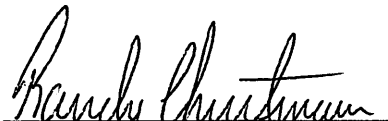
1. What is the value of GP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
2. What is GP's rate of return on its property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
3. What is a just and reasonable rate of return on GP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
4. What rates and charges are necessary to provide a just and reasonable rate of return on GP's property, used and useful, for the service and convenience of the public in North Dakota?
5. Are GP's proposed rate schedules designed in such a manner that they result in a basis of charge to its customers that is just and reasonable without discrimination?
6. 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 a hearing must be received by October 16, 2016.** If deemed appropriate, the commission can determine these matters without a hearing.

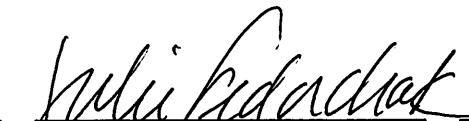
An **Informal Hearing** of this matter is scheduled to begin on **September 21, 2016**, at **1:30 p.m. CDT** in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th floor of the State Capitol. At the informal hearing, the Commission will discuss this matter with the parties and interested members of the public.

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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