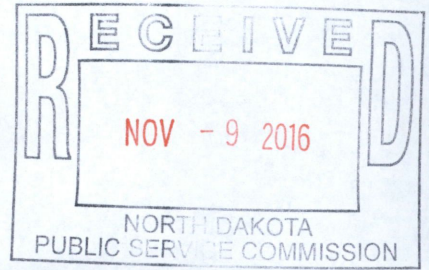


Affidavit of Publication



Colleen Park, being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I am the designated agent, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspapers listed on the attached exhibits.
2. The newspapers listed on the exhibits published the advertisement of: **Public Service Commission – Northern States Power; Case No. PU-16-658; 1 time(s)** as required by law or ordinance.
3. All of the listed newspapers are legal newspapers in the State of North Dakota and, under the provisions of Section 46-05-01, NDCC, are qualified to publish any public notice or any matter required by law or ordinance to be printed or published in a newspaper in North Dakota.

Signed: Colleen Park

State of North Dakota

County of Burleigh

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of Nov., 20 16.

Sharon L. Peterson