

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Public Service Commission  
Great Plains Natural Gas Co.  
Pipeline Safety enforcement

Case No. GS-17-14

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 **17th day of February, 2017**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing photocopy of:

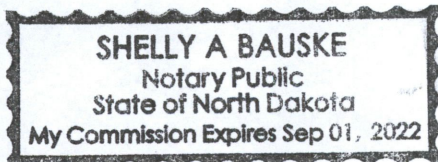
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The envelope was addressed as follows:

Mr. Pat Darras  
Vice President of Operations  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
400 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bismarck, ND 58501  
**Cert. No. 7015 0640 0006 6993 6101**

The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable mailing address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **17th day of February, 2017**.



SEAL



Notary Public

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**Preliminary Statement**

On January 4, 2017, the Manager of the Public Service Commission Gas Pipeline Safety Program issued a Notice of Probable Violation (NOPV) to Great Plains Natural Gas Co. (Great Plains) alleging one violation of natural gas pipeline safety regulations, Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Part 192 (49 CFR 192), and proposing a \$2,500 civil penalty.

Great Plains committed one violation of 49 CFR 192 section 706 by failing to conduct leakage surveys of its Hankinson to Fairmount transmission pipeline at intervals not exceeding 15 months.

On January 31, 2017, Great Plains submitted a payment of \$2,500. By paying the full amount of the civil penalty proposed, Great Plains has admitted the violation as alleged in the NOPV. By paying the proposed civil penalty, Great Plains has waived all rights to further response to the NOPV and to appeal this Order.

Having considered this matter, the Commission issues the following:

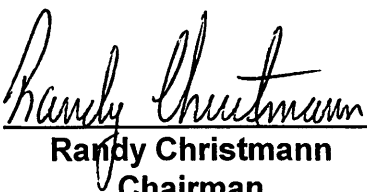
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The Commission Orders:

1. Great Plains Natural Gas Co. committed one violation of 49 CFR 192 section 706.
2. Great Plains Natural Gas Co. has remitted a payment of \$2,500 in full satisfaction of the civil penalty proposed in the NOPV and this case is close.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
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**Commissioner**

  
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**Chairman**

  
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**Julie Fedorchak**  
**Commissioner**