

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
Advance Prudence – Thunder Spirit Wind Expansion
Application

Case No. PU-17-268

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
Thunder Spirit Wind Expansion Project
Public Convenience & Necessity

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Geralyn R. Schmaltz deposes and says that:

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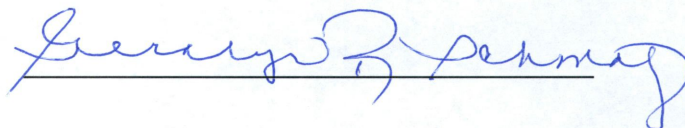
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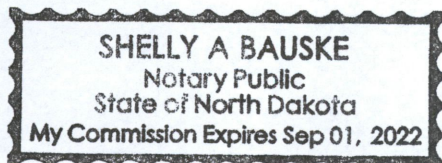
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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **17th day of August, 2017**




Notary Public

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSOLIDATED HEARING

August 16, 2017

On June 30, 2017, Montana Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed for an advanced determination of prudence (Case No. PU-17-268) and an amendment to Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5870 (Case No. PU-17-269) to authorize a proposed 42 to 48 MW expansion of the 107.5 MW Thunder Spirit Wind Project in Adams County, North Dakota.

Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law and fact, the Commission consolidates the two cases under North Dakota Admin. Code section 69-02-04-04.

The issues to be considered are:

1. Is MDU's proposed Thunder Spirit Wind Project expansion investment prudent?
2. Whether public convenience and necessity will be served by the expansion?
3. Whether the applicant is fit, willing, and able to provide service?

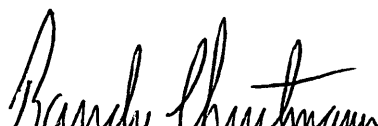
Those interested are invited to comment in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearing must be received by September 27, 2017.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission 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, at least 24 hours in advance.


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