

July 25, 2018

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



**RE: MERIDIAN ENERGY GROUP, INC.  
CASE NO. PU-18-223**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced matter, an original and ten (10) copies of the following document:

1. NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Also enclosed herewith is a CD containing the above-referenced document in PDF format. If you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Bender", written over a light blue circular stamp.

LAWRENCE BENDER

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Enclosure

cc: Derrick Braaten (via U.S. Mail)  
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**Notice of Appearance for Respondent, Meridian Energy Group, Inc.**

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Lawrence Bender, Attorney

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

<b>Environmental Law &amp; Policy Center and Dakota Resource Council,</b>	)	
	)	<b>CASE NO. PU-18-223</b>
<b>Complainants/ Petitioners,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>vs.</b>	)	<b>NOTICE OF APPEARANCE</b>
	)	
<b>Meridian Energy Group, Inc.</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Respondent.</b>	)	

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, the undersigned attorney will appear in the above-captioned action for the Respondent, Meridian Energy Group, Inc. ("Meridian"). Copies of all further papers filed should be served upon the undersigned.

Pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-02-03(1), answers to complaints must be filed within twenty (20) days of service of the complaint. Meridian was served with the Complaint on July 19, 2018. Meridian intends to answer or otherwise respond to Complainants' Complaint on or before August 8, 2018.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2018.

FREDRIKSON & BYRON, P.A.

By:   
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was on the 25th day of July, 2018 served by placing the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to the following:

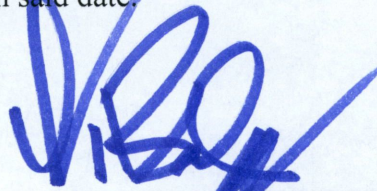
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An original and ten (10) copies of the foregoing document were also hand delivered to the North Dakota Public Service Commission on said date.



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