

September 18, 2018

**VIA HAND-DELIVERY**

Mr. 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 for filing in the above-referenced matter an original and ten (10) copies of the Stipulation and Certificate of Service, submitted on behalf of Meridian Energy Group, Inc.

A disk containing the above-referenced documents in PDF format is also provided.

Should you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Bender".

LAWRENCE BENDER

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cc: Patrick J. Ward, Administrative Law Judge (*via U.S. Mail*)  
JJ England (*via U.S. Mail*)  
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**Stipulation**

Meridian Energy Group, Inc.  
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA

Environmental Law & Policy Center and  
Dakota Resource Council,

Complainants/  
Petitioners,

v.

Meridian Energy Group, Inc.,

Respondent.

Case No. PU-18-223

**STIPULATION**

Complainants/Petitioners Environmental Law & Policy Center and Dakota Resource Council (collectively, the "Complainants"), and Respondent Meridian Energy Group, Inc. ("Respondent"), (collectively, the "Parties") hereby submit, agree and stipulate to the following:

The Parties stipulate that Respondent shall have fourteen (14) days to respond to Complainants' Motion to Reopen and Supplement the Record and to Permit Jurisdictional Discovery filed with the Public Service Commission on Friday, September 14, 2018.

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Dated: September 18, 2018

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the Stipulation was, on September 18th, 2018, served by placing the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to the following:

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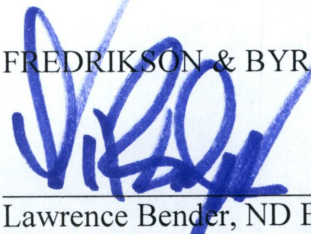
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DATED this 18th day of September, 2018.

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