

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Electric Service Agreement – APLD Amendment
Approval

Case No. PU-24-332

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY REGULAR 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 **13th day of January 2025**, she deposited in the United States Mail at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by first class mail, fully prepaid, securely sealed each containing a photocopy of:

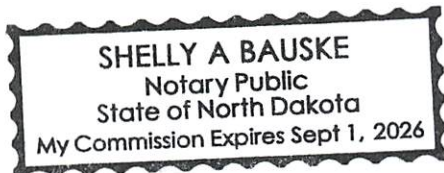
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The envelope was addressed as follows:

Travis Jacobson
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
400 North 4th Street
Bismarck, ND 58501

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **13th day of January 2025**.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Geralyn R. Schmaltz", written over a horizontal line.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Shelly A. Bauske", written over a horizontal line.
Notary Public

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STAFF RESPONSE TO APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

On October 24, 2024, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed an Application for Protection of Information to protect certain information in the above captioned case.

The information for which the Company seeks protection includes Transmittal Letter, which includes select provisions from the Electric Service Agreement that has been identified as trade secret, and Attachment B, which includes select provisions of the Electric Service Agreement containing rate- and cost-related information, as well as information related to the customer's operational details.

The company further states that the High Density Contracted Demand Response Rate 45 provides for an individualized rate structure that is reflective of each customer's load characteristics, but also ensures the recovery of any incremental costs incurred by the Company for the provision of electric service to such customer. The information should not be disclosed or released to the public and that, if the information were released, competitors would be able to benefit from the information to the detriment of the Company and its customers. Energy bills for facilities housing high density computer processing technology can be significant and therefore subject to competition, not only locally, but throughout the globe.

MDU also states the above-referenced information is not publicly available and is confidential business information prepared specifically for Montana-Dakota. Vendors and competitors would have an opportunity to obtain economic value from disclosure or use

of the information to the detriment of Montana-Dakota. If publicly available, vendors could use the information to their advantage in contract negotiations, while competitors could use the information to leverage their positions in the marketplace to Montana-Dakota's detriment.

Staff believes that MDU's application satisfies the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for protection of the information, which is the subject of this request.

For reasons set forth above, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. to protect certain information filed in the captioned case.

Dated this 13 day of January, 2025.



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