

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

**Public Service Commission  
Investigation Into Home Protection Plans  
Investigation**

**Case No. PU-25-148**

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND ELECTRONIC MAIL**

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Janel Rubert** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **27th day of January 2026** she deposited in the United States Mail at Bismarck, North Dakota, **three** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Notice of Public Hearing**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Cary Stephenson  
Associate General Counsel  
Otter Tail Power Company  
PO Box 496  
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496  
**Cert. No. 9589 0710 5270 2708 2383 31**

Travis Jacobson  
Director Regulatory Affairs  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
400 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bismarck, ND 58501  
**Cert. No. 9589 0710 5270 2708 2383 48**

Christine Marquis  
Regulatory Administrator  
Xcel Energy  
414 Nicollet Mall – 401, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Minneapolis, MN 55401  
**Cert. No. 9589 0710 5270 2708 2383 55**

**Janel Rubert** further deposes and says that on the **27th day of January 2026**, she sent an electronic message to **three** addresses, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

Regulatory Filing Coordinators  
Otter Tail Power Company

[Regulatory\\_Filing\\_Coordinators@otpc.com](mailto:Regulatory_Filing_Coordinators@otpc.com)

Regulatory Records  
Xcel Energy

[regulatory.records@xcelenergy.com](mailto:regulatory.records@xcelenergy.com)

Alex Nisbet

Xcel Energy

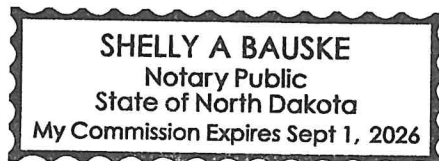
[alex.j.nisbet@xcelenergy.com](mailto:alex.j.nisbet@xcelenergy.com)

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **27th day of January 2026**.

Janel Rubert

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Shelly A Bauske  
Notary Public

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A **Public Hearing** on the application in Case No. PU-25-148 is scheduled for **March 31, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time in the Commission Hearing Room, 12th floor, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota.** The public is also encouraged to view the hearing electronically via <https://www.psc.nd.gov/meetings-news/livestream> or listen telephonically by dialing 1-888-585-9008 with room code 671-872-185.

On July 31, 2024, the Commission received an informal complaint pertaining to the HomeServe USA warranty program and its partnership with a local utility. The complaint asserted that the relationship between the two is intertwined with the utilization of the utility's name causing the perception that the utility is directly involved in the warranty solicitation that HomeServe is independently pursuing.

On July 2, 2025, the Commission ordered North Dakota Electric Public Utilities to file initial comments addressing their business arrangement by September 2, 2025.

The issue to be considered in this proceeding is whether the methods and practices of the public utilities in association with HomeServe are appropriate.

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.

**Issued: January 26, 2026**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

 <b>Sheri Haugen-Hoffart</b> Commissioner	 <b>Randy Christmann</b> Chair	 <b>Jill Kringstad</b> Commissioner
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