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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF) DOCKET NO. EL06-011
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.)
FOR APPROVAL TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL)
SERVICE FOR THE NEW NORTH CENTRAL) AFFIDAVIT OF BRUCE BREKKE
FARMERS ELEVATOR TO BE LOCATED)
NEAR BOWDLE, SOUTH DAKOTA,)

State of South Dakota)
) ss
County of Walworth)

Bruce Brekke, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Mobridge District Manager of MDU, including the Bowdle area, and that he makes this affidavit for use in the above-entitled matter.

1. Montana-Dakota was first contacted regarding serving natural gas to the Bowdle site for North Central Farmers Elevator in October of 2005.

2. In January of 2006 I received a telephone call from Paul Erickson, Manager of FEM Electric, visiting about a seasonal load of at least 2000 kilowatts for North Central Farmers Elevator. He asked how MDU interpreted the large load statute and how FEM would proceed to request a tap of MDU's transmission line. I indicated I would check on this and get back to him.

3. On January 20, 2006, I telephoned Keith Hainy, Manager of North Central Farmers Elevator, inquiring about the estimated electric load for the site. Keith referred me to Logan Electric, which faxed a copy of his information concerning motor loads for the new site.

4. On January 27, 2006, I telephoned Keith Hainy indicating to him that he had a choice in electric provider based upon the amount of the proposed load at the new site in Bowdle. Keith indicated he was aware of this, that he and the FEM Manager, Paul Erickson, had discussed it. Keith stated that, while North Central Farmers Elevator and FEM were partners on other ventures, he would

still be interested in considering Montana-Dakota's proposal. He specifically inquired about an interruptible rate to eliminate demand charges.

5. On January 30 I returned Paul Erickson's inquiry and advised him that Henry Ford was the contact to request a tap of MDU's transmission line. He indicated he would forward the information to East River Electric.

6. On April 27, 2006, I attended a meeting involving location of the gas line which would feed the new Bowdle site. I again advised Paul Erickson that MDU believed it had the superior offer and was entitled to provide service to the territory under the large load exception.

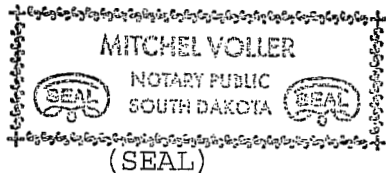
Further affiant sayeth naught.

Dated this 14 day of July, 2006.

Bruce Brekke

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of July, 2006.



Mitchel Voller

Notary Public

Notary Print Name: Mitchel Voller
My Commission Expires: March 24, 2012