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PSC Schedules Public Hearing for Transmission Line Project in Morton County

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, Oct. 7, regarding a proposal to reroute a portion of transmission line in Morton County.

Montana-Dakota Utilities (MDU) is proposing an approximately 1.5-mile long, 230-kilovolt electric transmission line project. The line will consist of an existing 0.4-mile line segment and construction of two new line segments totaling approximately 1.1 miles. The project is needed due to the closure of the Heskett Units 1 and 2 coal-fired generating stations north of Mandan. The line will start at the Heskett Transmission Substation and end at the Mandan Transmission Substation.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1.3 million. (Note to the media: A map showing the proposed location of the project has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- **Thursday, October 7, 2021 – 9 a.m. Central**
- **Mandan City Hall – Ed “Bosh” Froehlich Meeting Room**
205 Second Ave. NW
Mandan, N.D. 58554

The hearing provides an opportunity for members of the public to contribute to the PSC’s official record. Any comments from members of the public must be received at the hearing to be part of the record. People with concerns, questions or support/opposition for the project are encouraged to attend the hearing and present their information. Information received after the hearing will not be part of the official record and cannot be used as a basis for the Commission’s decision unless certain additional procedures are followed.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission is a constitutionally created state agency with authority to permit, site and regulate certain business activities in the state including electric and gas utilities, telecommunications companies, power plants, electric transmission lines, pipelines, railroads, auctioneers, commercial weighing devices, pipeline safety and coal mine reclamation. For more information, contact the Public Service Commission at (701) 328-2400 or www.psc.nd.gov.

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