

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Application)
of MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.,)
a Division of MDU Resources Group,) Case No. PU-13-____
Inc., for an Order and Certificate to)
Extend Service to Menard, Inc.)
near McKenzie, North Dakota)

APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT AUTHORITY

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., for its Application to the Public Service Commission of North Dakota, respectfully alleges:

I.

The full name of Applicant is Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., and the post office address of its principal office is 400 North Fourth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501. Applicant is a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of and regulation by the Public Service Commission of North Dakota, under Title 49, N.D.C.C., as amended. MDU Resources Group, Inc.'s Certificate of Incorporation is incorporated herein by reference, and the Commission is requested to take official notice of the same.

II.

This Application is made pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 49-03, N.D.C.C., as amended, and the Rules of Practice and Procedure promulgated by the Commission.

III.

Application has been requested by Menard Inc., hereinafter referred to as

"Customer," to provide electric service to it at a point located in the NE Section 33, Township 139N, Range 77W, Burleigh County, North Dakota as shown on the map attached hereto, marked Exhibit A, and made a part hereof by reference. Correspondence to the Customer should be directed to:

Jesse Cain
5101 Menard Dr.
Eau Claire, WI 54703

IV.

The service required by Customer at said location is three phase service, and the length of the three phase line extension to the customer's property line will be approximately 2,700 feet, as shown by Exhibit A. Capital Electric Cooperative (Capital Electric) is an electric supplier also providing electric service within the general area of this Customer. Montana-Dakota's extension of its three phase underground service will cross under Capital's single phase overhead line currently feeding a rural residence. The line crossing is shown in yellow on Exhibit A. Capital Electric was notified of the Company's request for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by copy of this Application. The location of the proposed service is within the economic service area of Applicant and service will be extended under the provisions of the rules and regulations applicable thereto. It is Applicant's public utility obligation to furnish the requested service, and the public convenience and necessity requires, and will be served by, Applicant furnishing the requested service to this Customer at said location.

V.

Submitted as Exhibit B with this Application is an Appearance by Customer herein,

in which Customer states to the Commission that it desires electric service from Applicant as a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of, and regulation by, this Commission. In said Appearance, Customer also waives Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and Notice of Hearing upon this Application, or a hearing thereon, and requests the Commission to issue an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing this requested and needed service.

VI.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests the entry of an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Applicant to extend the requested and needed service to Customer.

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

By: Tamie A. Aberle
Tamie A. Aberle
Director – Regulatory Affairs



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APPEARANCE BY CUSTOMER

Mason
Mason, Inc.

hereinafter referred to as "Customer", hereby makes a voluntary appearance in this matter and states the following to the Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

That Customer desires electric service from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. as a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of, and regulation by, the Commission, and has requested said public utility to provide Customer with electric service at the following location(s):

- In the NE ¼; Section 33; Township 139N; Range 77W; Burleigh County, North Dakota.

That Customer is in need of electric service at said locations for the purpose of construction and operation of a manufacturing and distribution facility.

That Customer waives notice of opportunity for hearing and notice of hearing upon said Application, or a hearing thereon, and requests the Commission to issue an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing this requested and needed electric service, and that provisions be made therein authorizing extension of electric service.

That all the allegations of the Application herein are true and correct.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned, being the Customer involved herein, prays for the entry of an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by the Commission,

authorizing the Applicant to extend the requested and needed electric service to Customer at said location, subject to such appropriate and proper conditions to be appended to and made a part of such Certificate as the Commission may determine, and for such other and further relief as may be proper in the premises.

Customer:

Menards, Inc.

By: [Signature]
Jesse Cain, Project Manager
Troy Anderson

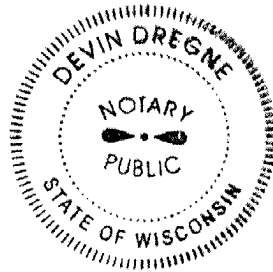
Dated: 9/16/13

STATE OF Wisconsin)

County of EAU CLAIRE)

On this 16th day of September, in the year 2013, before me personally appeared Troy Anderson, known to be to be the General manager of store of the limited liability company that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such limited liability company executed the same.

[Signature]
Notary Public
my commission is permanent





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November 25, 2013

Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol – Department 408
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Case No. PU-13-____
Application for Permanent Authority to
Menard Inc., near McKenzie, North
Dakota

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith respectfully submits an original and one copy of an Application for Permanent Authority to extend electric service to Menard Inc. at a location in NW Section 33, Township 139N, Range 77W, Burleigh County, North Dakota.

Please acknowledge receipt by stamping or initialing the duplicate copy of this letter attached hereto and returning the same in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely,

Tamie A. Aberle
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures
cc/enc.

Ordean Nygren – Capital Electric Cooperative
Craig Lohstreter – Bismarck Office