

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
230 kV Transmission Line – McIntosh & Dickey
Counties
Siting Application

Case No. PU-10-164

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND REGULAR MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Cara DeSaye deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **10th** day of **March, 2011**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Henry Ford
Electric Transmission Engineering
Manager
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
400 North Fourth Street
Bismarck ND 58501

Cert. No. 7009 2820 0002 9238 4598


Cara DeSaye further deposes and says that on the **10th** day of **March, 2011**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Daniel Kuntz
Associate General Counsel
MDU Resources Group, Inc.
PO Box 5650
Bismarck ND 58506-5650

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

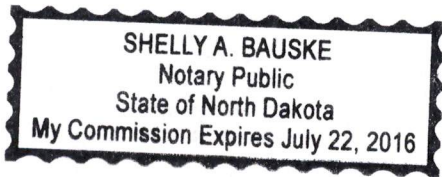


Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 10th day of **March, 2011**.



Notary Public

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**NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING
March 9, 2011**

On February 7, 2011, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., A division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., (MDU) filed an application for a waiver of procedures and time schedules, a corridor certificate and a route permit to authorize construction of approximately 30 miles of 230 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities in Dickey and McIntosh Counties of North Dakota, as shown on the attached map.

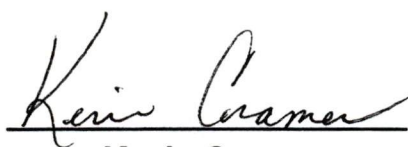
MDU requests the Commission waive procedures and time schedules set forth in North Dakota Century Code chapter 49-22 and North Dakota Administrative Code article 69-06 to allow for a single consolidated application for corridor certificate and route permit and to hold a combined hearing on the waiver request and application for corridor certificate and route permit.

A **Public Hearing** on the application is scheduled to begin **April 15, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. CT, at Teddy's Grill, 1101 Industrial Park, Edgeley, ND 58433**. The issues to be considered are:

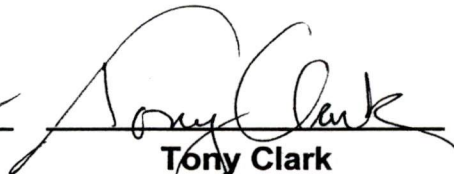
1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?
4. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive procedures and time schedules as requested, including the request for a single consolidated application for corridor certificate and route permit?

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.

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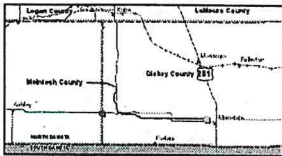
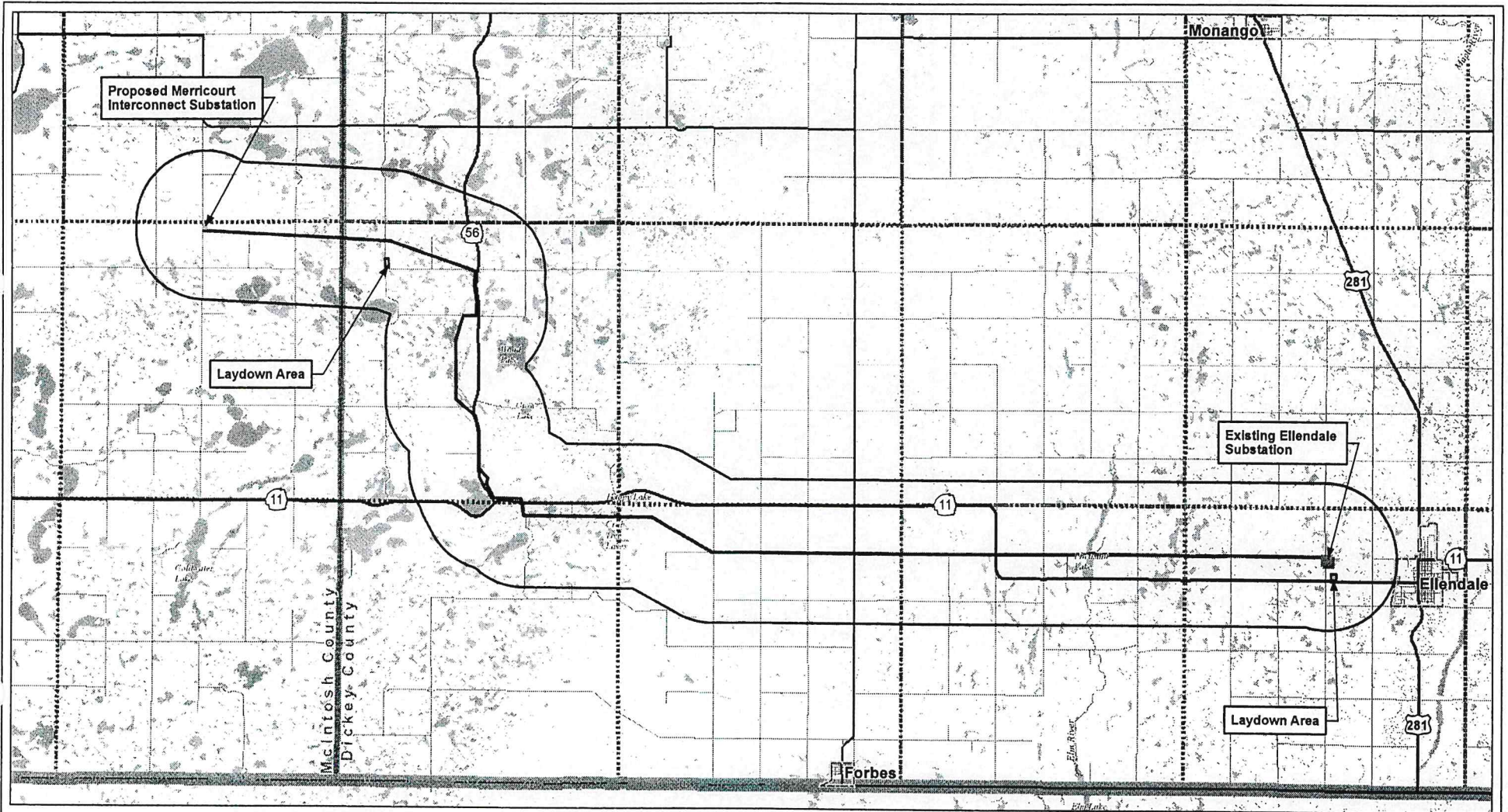
**Kevin Cramer
Commissioner**



**Tony Clark
Chairman**

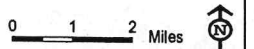


**Brian P. Kalk
Commissioner**



- ROW (120R)/Route
- Route Corridor (3 miles)
- Laydown Area
- Proposed Interconnection Substation
- Existing MDU Ellendale Jct. Substation
- Incorporated Area
- US / State Highway
- County Road
- Local Road
- Stream
- Lake or Pond
- Wetland
- PLS Township Boundary
- County Boundary

Proposed Route & Corridor
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Merricourt Wind Farm to Ellendale Project



Map: Merricourt Wind Farm to Ellendale Project, 11/11/2011, 11:23:17 AM, 11/11/2011, 11:23:17 AM

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