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Please have the attached Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing and Map published two times as a legal publication in the following newspapers, with the first publication in the next issue of the following papers:

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The map must be published as is. Please publish the map in the size of two or three columns wide. If you cannot publish the map as requested, please let me know as soon as possible.

Do not publish in the classifieds. Please run it as a "News Item Only" article as well.

Send the bill to the Public Service Commission along with a tear sheet for billing purposes.

Please confirm via email that you received this request.

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Thank you.

Cara DeSaye

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
230 kV Transmission Line – McIntosh & Dickey Cty
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-10-164

**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?

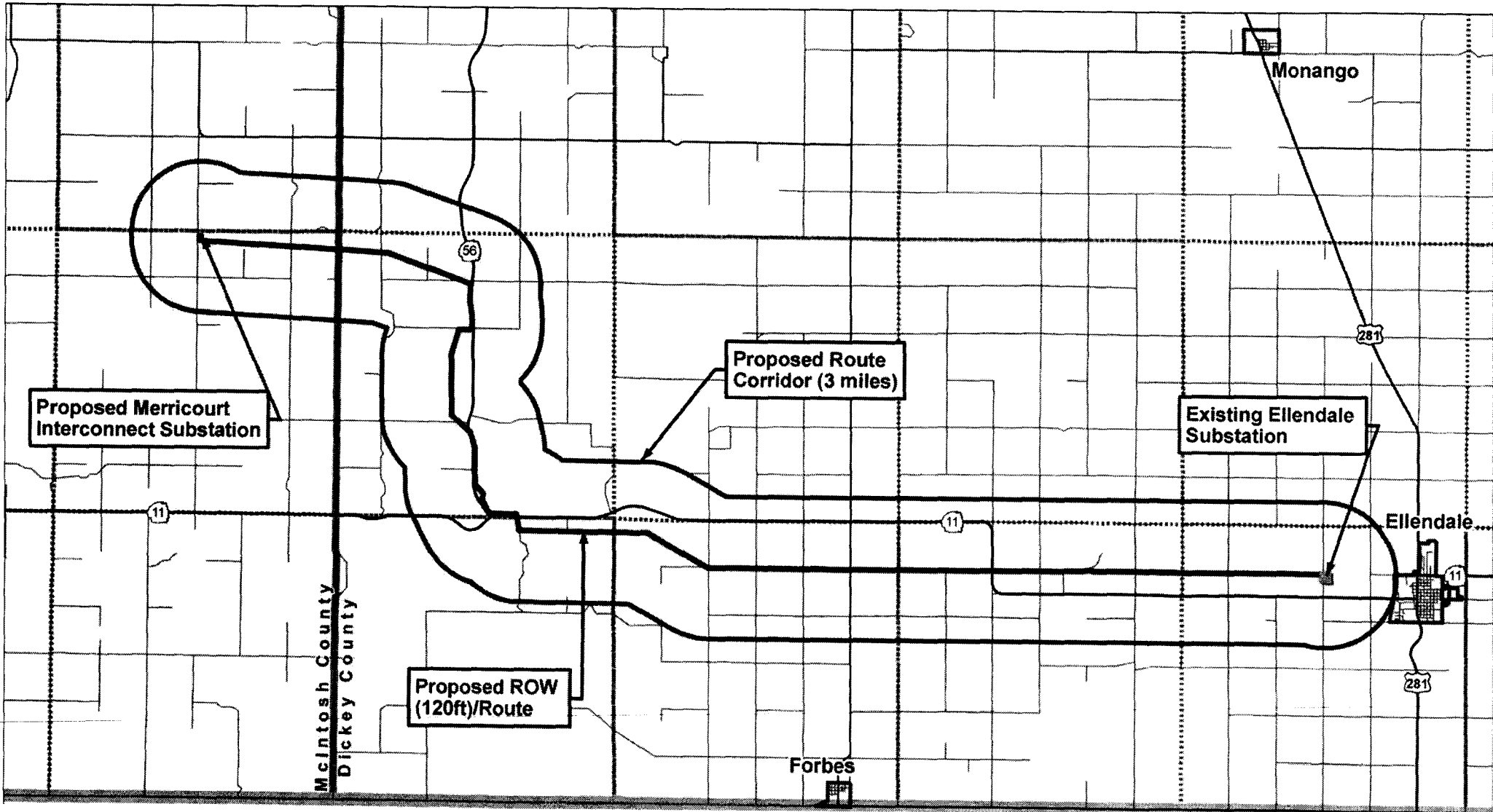
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Proposed Merricourt Interconnect Substation

Proposed Route Corridor (3 miles)

Existing Ellendale Substation

Proposed ROW (120ft)/Route

McIntosh County
Dickey County

Monango

Ellendale

Forbes

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