



UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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Executive Secretary
ND Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Ellendale 230 kV Transmission Line and
Interconnecting Substation
Case No. PU-10-____

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Montana-Dakota) submits this Letter of Intent to file an Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit in accordance with North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 49-22-07.1 and North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC) Chapter 69-06-03. Contemporaneously, with this filing Montana-Dakota is also filing an Application requesting waiver of procedure and time schedules in accordance with NDCC Section 49-22-07.2 and NDAC Chapter 69-06-06.

Montana-Dakota is planning to construct approximately 30 miles of 230 kV electric transmission line and a 230 kV interconnection substation as network upgrades to Montana-Dakota's transmission system to allow the interconnection of enXco Development Corporation's (enXco) proposed 150 MW proposed wind farm located in McIntosh and Dickey Counties. The substation will interconnect with Montana-Dakota's existing Wishek-Ellendale 230KV transmission line approximately 30 miles northwest of Ellendale. The transmission line will be built between the new substation and Montana-Dakota's existing substation at Ellendale, North Dakota. The proposed substation location and the proposed transmission line study area are shown on the attached map marked as Attachment A. The transmission line is expected to be constructed using either wood or steel poles, and to consist of either single-pole or two-pole construction, or both, depending upon the best option. The estimated cost of construction is \$14,500,000.

Preliminary routing of the line has begun. The first public meeting to notify the public and get their input is expected in mid-June, 2010. Right-of-way acquisition will start shortly thereafter. Montana-Dakota anticipates filing an Application with the

Commission in September for a combined Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Transmission Facility Permit. Construction is planned to begin in 2011, with completion required by December 1, 2011.

Please refer all inquiries regarding this filing to:

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The original and ten (10) copies of this Letter of Intent and Application for waiver of procedure and time schedules are hereby filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,



Tamie A. Aberle
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Attachments

