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## BBB Advises Donors on Tsunami Relief Efforts

In the wake of the most powerful earthquake to ever hit Japan, many Americans want to help those impacted by the earthquake and the ensuing tsunami. The Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota (BBB) warns donors to exercise caution when making donations to relief agencies and charities.

"In the face of any disaster, Americans immediately step forward with donations to aid the victims and their families," said Dana Badgerow, president and CEO of the BBB. "Unfortunately, we've seen time and time again that scammers will try to take advantage of that generosity, which is why it's so important to take your time and do your research before donating to relief efforts."

The BBB offers the following advice for donors to ensure their donations go to trustworthy relief efforts:

- Before donating, visit [www.bbb.org/charity](http://www.bbb.org/charity) to research organizations you're considering supporting.
- Be sure that the charity is experienced in carrying out relief efforts in the wake of a natural disaster. Although well-intentioned, they may not be able to effectively deliver aid to those in need.
- Don't give your credit card number or other personal information to a telephone solicitor or in response to an e-mail solicitation.
- Be aware that while donating via text (through your cell phone carrier) is an easy way to give, funds may not be available for relief efforts as quickly

as they would be if donations were made directly through the websites of individual charities and relief organizations.

- Don't give in to excessive pressure for on-the-spot donations. Be especially wary of any offer to send a "runner" to pick up your contribution.
- Be wary of charities that are reluctant to answer reasonable questions about their operations, finances and programs.
- Don't give cash. Checks or money orders should be made out to the name of the charitable organization, not to the individual collecting the donation.
- Beware fake charities that imitate the name and style of well-known organizations in an attempt to confuse donors.

## Public Notices

### 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

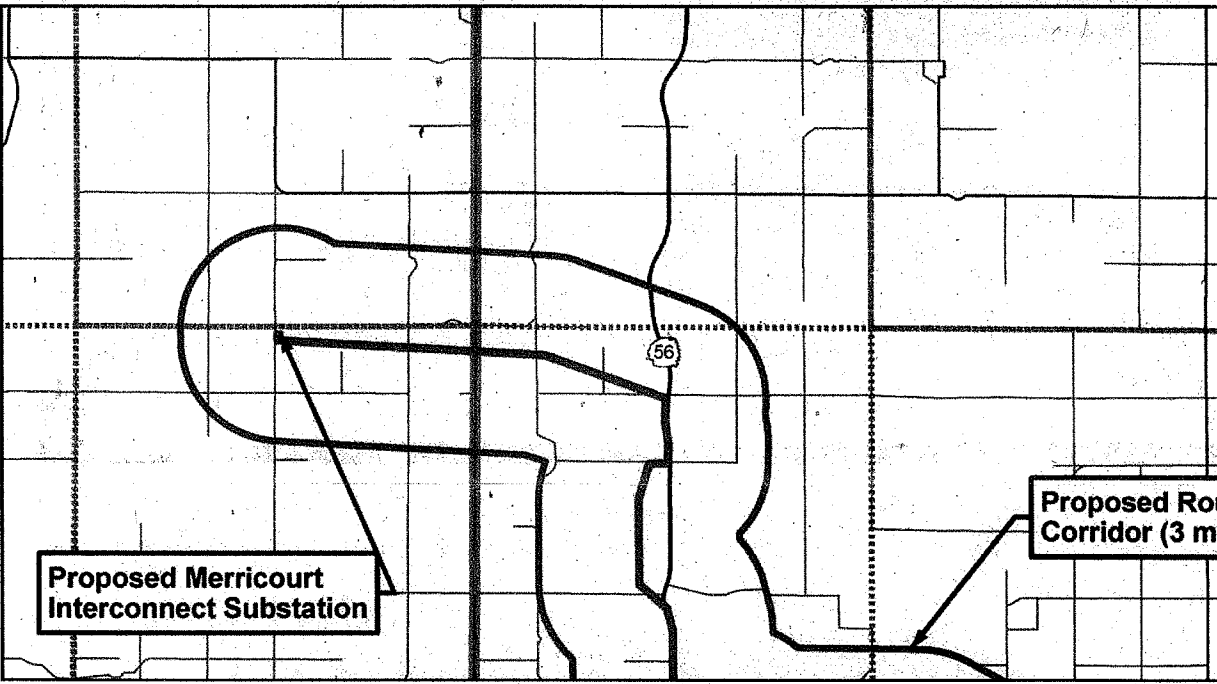
minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

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?

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.

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Kevin Cramer, Commissioner  
Tony Clark, Chairman  
Brian P. Kalk, Commissioner  
(March 17, 2011)



## Moose, Elk and Bighorn seasons are set

North Dakota's 2011 moose, elk and bighorn sheep proclamation has been finalized and applications are available at the state Game and Fish Department's website. The deadline for applying is March 30.

A total of 501 elk licenses are available to hunters this fall, a decrease of 60 from last year.

The number of elk licenses in units E3 and E4 has been reduced by 100 due to the successful population reduction effort by the National Park Service in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Randy Kreil, North Dakota Game and Fish Department chief of wildlife, said 300 any-elk licenses will be available in units E3 and E4, and there will be no antlerless licenses issued in these two units in an effort to give hunters the maximum opportunity to harvest an elk.

"A total of 406 cow elk were taken out of the park by the reduction effort, and an estimated 76 cow elk were taken last fall by licensed hunters in E3 and E4," Kreil said. "This harvest effectively reduced the cow elk population in and around the park by at least one-third."

Kreil said the successful elk reduction effort in TRNP this past year, and the possibility of similar results the next two years, will reduce elk numbers dramatically in units E3 and E4. Therefore, elk licenses will likely be reduced even further in future years.

Certain private lands in units E1 and E2 could open to hunting of antlerless elk from Aug. 12 - Sept.

30 if depredation problems occur and other measures are proven effective.

A total of 163 moose licenses are available in 2011, a decrease of 1 from last year.

The boundary for moose hunting unit M11 has been expanded to allow hunting over a wider area in western North Dakota where moose numbers have increased south of Williston along the Missouri River corridor.

"This area will be monitored closely in the coming years to see if populations decrease now that Lake Sakakawea is full and much of the habitat that allowed the moose population to grow is under water," Kreil said.

Unit MIC will remain closed due to an extremely low moose population in the northeastern portion of the state.

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## Mowing

The City of Ellendale individuals who are interested in privately owned lots as described below. Bids are to be submitted per lot. A lot is approximately 1/4 acre. If there are lots that are interested in mowing, state must be 16 years of age and a licensed independent contractor. Man's Comp. does not apply. Bids must be in the office by 5:00 PM Monday, April 11, 2011.



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