

September 22, 2011

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

Re: Case No. PU-10-164
230 kV Transmission Line - McIntosh &
Dickey Counties Relocations

Pursuant to the Certification Relating to Order Provisions, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. herewith submits and requests approval of Drawings A1-A14 showing the proposed relocations of a number of structures of its Merricourt to Ellendale, 230kV electric transmission line. The initial route was approved July 13, 2011. The revised drawing shows the original structure locations and the new structure locations. The revised Plan and Profile (P&P) drawings are also enclosed. The original P&P was stationed and numbered from east to west. The revised set is stationed and numbered from west to east so they read left to right with north pointing up.

The west end centerline (Sheets A1- A3) is proposed to be moved south of the original location, in the area where the new centerline parallels the existing 230kV line. This centerline is proposed to be moved south to bring it closer to the existing 230kV line. The existing line has a 100' easement and the new line has a 120' easement. The original centerline was placed at 120' north of the existing centerline but should have been placed 110' north of the existing centerline to make the easements adjacent to each other. There are also minor proposed adjustments to the spans to place the structures in better locations as shown on Sheets A1-A3.

Sections of the line shown on Sheets A4 and A6 are proposed to be moved further from the highway for better guying. The new line begins to double circuit with the existing 41.6kV line on Sheet A7. The new centerline at the beginning of the double circuit is required to be moved south to better align it with the existing 41.6kV line to minimize the angle on the next existing 41.6kV structure to the west.

The centerline shown on Sheets A9 to A14 are proposed to be moved north or south to either not encroach on county road right-of-way or better align it with the existing 41.6kV

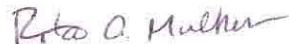
line. The spans in this section are proposed to be adjusted for better structure placement.

The proposed relocations described above and shown on the revised drawings are necessary to minimize impacts on the properties and further reduce adverse impacts to the environment and will not adversely affect any provisions of the Certificate Relating to Order Provisions.

Montana-Dakota respectfully requests expedited approval of this request to prevent delay in the construction activities scheduled to start on September 27, 2011.

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,



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Enclosure

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