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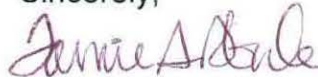
Re: Case No. PU-10-164
Tree & Shrub Report

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith submits the original and two (2) copies of its Tree & Shrub Report required pursuant to the Commission's Order issued in Case No. PU-10-164. This report provides a summary of the trees planted since 2012 and inspections occurring in 2013 and 2014. Montana-Dakota has scheduled an inspection for 2016 and a report including an inventory of trees based on that inspection will be submitted to the Commission by October 1, 2016.

Please contact me at 701-222-7856 or at tamie.aberle@mdu.com with additional questions or follow up as necessary.

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,



Tamie A. Aberle
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Cc: Rob Frank

Merricourt Tree & Shrub Inventory as of 2015

Landowner	Trees	Trees	Total			Trees	Additional			Trees	Net Trees
	Planted	Planted	Trees	Trees	Net 2013	Planted	Trees Dead	Net 2014	Planted	2015	2015
	2012	2013	Planted	Dead 2013	Net 2013	2014	2014	Net 2014	2015		2015
Brauer, Sheila and James	242	144	386	-16	370		-64	306	150		456
Brokaw, Greg	22		22	-17	5		-1	4			4
Brokaw, Kevin	118		118	-56	62		-3	59			59
City of Ellendale	31		31	-22	9		-1	8	20		28
City of Oakes	30		30	-30	0		0	0			0
Forbes City Park	32		32	-2	30		1	31	20		51
Herman, Matt	1		1	0	1		-1	0			0
Monango City Park	32		32	-16	16		-6	10			10
Morehead, Carol	254		254	-77	177	64	0	241			241
Webster, Mary	6		6	-1	5	1	0	6			6
Wishek Investment	44		44	-19	25		0	25			25
Wolf, LaVern	10		10	0	10		0	10			10
Guelph Gym	0	8	8		8		-8	0			0
Total	822	152	974	-256	718	65	-83	700			890
Survival Rate					74%			72%			91%

Initial Planting 2012 by NRCS for MDU

Additional Trees Planted in 2013 to meet minimum number required of 974

1st inspection 2013

2nd inspection 2014

Landowners replaced trees in 2014

NRCS planted 190 trees in 2015 for MDU

Plans- Inspect in 2016; Report to PSC by October 2016

Tree and shrub replacements shall be inspected once a year for three years, on or about the anniversary of the plantings, and, on or shortly before October 1 of each year, a report shall be submitted to the Commission documenting the condition of replacement planting and any woodlands work completed. If after three years from the anniversary of the plantings the survival rate is less than 75%, the Commission may order additional planting(s).