



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: 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 as updated to reflect the 2016 inspection results. Montana-Dakota will schedule an inspection for 2017 and provide a report by October 1, 2017.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tamie A. Aberle'.

Tamie A. Aberle
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Cc: Rob Frank

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Tree & Shrub Report

Merricourt Tree & Shrub Inventory as of 2016

	Trees Planted 2012	Trees Planted 2013	Total Trees Planted	Trees Dead 2013	Net 2013	Trees Planted 2014	Additional Trees Dead 2014	Net 2014	Trees Planted 2015	Net Trees 2015	Additional Trees Dead 2016	Net Trees 2016
Landowner												
Brauer, Sheila and James	242	144	386	-16	370		-64	306	150	456	-55	401
Brokaw, Greg	22		22	-17	5		-1	4		4	0	4
Brokaw, Kevin	118		118	-56	62		-3	59		59	-1	58
City of Ellendale	31		31	-22	9		-1	8	20	28	-7	21
City of Oakes	30		30	-30	0		0	0		0		0
Forbes City Park	32		32	-2	30		1	31	20	51	-18	33
Herman, Matt	1		1	0	1		-1	0		0		0
Monango City Park	32		32	-16	16		-6	10		10		10
Morehead, Carol	254		254	-77	177	64	0	241		241	-18	223
Webster, Mary	6		6	-1	5	1	0	6		6		6
Wishek Investment	44		44	-19	25		0	25		25	1	26
Wolf, LaVern	10		10	0	10		0	10		10		10
Guelph Gym	0	8	8		8		-8	0		0		0
Total	822	152	974	-256	718	65	-83	700	190	890	-98	792
Survival Rate					74%			72%		91%		81%

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

NRCS Inspected trees in 2016

NRCS will inspect trees in 2017