

# Gas leak closes road

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BEMIDJI, Minn. — A propane leak necessitated the closure of a Beltrami County road Monday.

Fern Lake Road Southwest, located in Grant Valley Township, was closed at about 10 a.m. after a leak was detected in a propane delivery truck.

The driver of the delivery truck, which was from Grand Rapids, Minn., realized that he was having mechanical problems and that propane was leaking, said Bemidji Fire Chief Dave Hoefler.

The vehicle pulled over to the east side of Fern Lake Road, about 1.5 miles south of Becida Road Southwest, and the driver and passenger of the truck began securing the area and alerting traffic, he said.

The 911 call referencing the hazardous materials incident was made at 10 a.m., according to a press release from the Beltrami County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management.

Fern Lake Road was immediately blocked off. One resident was evacuated for safety reasons. Other residents were given the option of evacuating.

Emergency personnel tried three times to shut the valve on the truck, Hoefler said, but it would not close.

So, crews had to just let the truck leak out.

The 3,000-gallon tank was 76 percent full, he said.

The tank was filled with liquid propane gas; it was vented into the atmosphere.

No one was injured in the incident.

Hoefler said it helped

that the leak occurred in a rural area.

Further, the wind helped to dissipate the gas.

Emergency crews remained on site to make sure there were no associated problems.

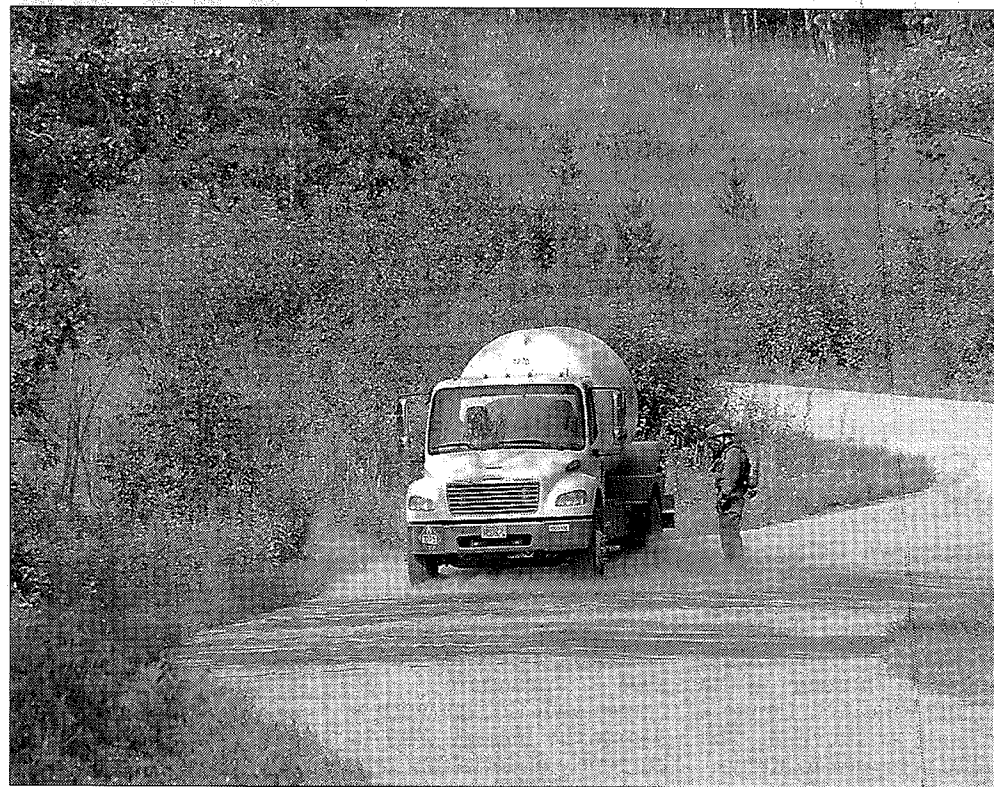
Liquid propane gas is extremely flammable, he noted.

Residents were urged to stay away from the scene. Traffic was diverted to Leonardsway Road Southwest.

Responding to the incident was responded to by the Bemidji Fire Department, Beltrami County Sheriff's office and Bemidji Ambulance Service.

A Minnesota Department of Transportation tank specialist also assisted at the scene.

*Bethany Wesley is a reporter at The Pioneer in Bemidji, Minn., which is owned by Forum Communications Co.*



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Ben Friske, a firefighter with the Bemidji Fire Department, monitors the liquid propane gas that was vented from a delivery truck Monday along Fern Lake Road SW. A leak was detected in the truck and mechanical problems apparently prevented the valve from being shut off.

## Public Notice PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISING PROTECTS YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. a  
Division of MDU Resources Group,  
Inc.  
230 kV Transmission System  
Public Convenience and Necessity  
Case No. PU-10-506

### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

August 24, 2010

On July 27, 2010, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct approximately 30 miles of 230 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities in Dickey and McIntosh Counties of North Dakota.

The issues to be considered in this matter are:

- Whether public convenience and necessity will be served by construction, ownership and operation of the facilities.
- Whether the applicant is fit, willing and able to provide service. Those interested are invited to comment on this application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearing must be received by October 5, 2010. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing. For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-224-2400, 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  
Tony Clark, Commissioner  
Kevin Cramer, Chairman  
Brian P. Kalk, Commissioner  
August 31, 2010

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The North Dakota State Hospital, 2605 Circle Drive, Jamestown, North Dakota 58401, Attn: Steve Brubakken, will receive sealed bids for the Roof Drain Leader Modifications Project - SH017 on the State Hospital campus until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, September 9, 2010, in the 16 West Engineering Conference Room on the State Hospital campus. All qualified proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time. Bids will be received as a Single Prime Bid for all portions of work required under this project.

Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for opening of the bids or the authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified will not be considered. Bidder shall assume full responsibility for timely delivery of their proposal to the State.

This Project consists of the disconnection of existing roof drain leaders from the sanitary sewer system and relocating the leaders to the exterior of various campus buildings and all associated interior/exterior work required in the Bidding and Contract Documents. As this is a controlled access facility, security measures and coordination with State's staff shall be required at all times. Completion of the project is estimated to be completed by the end of the year.

One original and one copy of the bid bond and other documents shall be submitted in the "Bid Bond Envelope" attached to the "Bid Envelope". The envelope shall contain the Bidder's Security Bond in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the full amount of the bid, executed by the bidder as principal and by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of North Dakota, conditioned that if the principals bid be accepted and the contract awarded to the principal, the principal within ten (10) days after notice of award, shall execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of the bid and shall provide a Performance Bond in an amount equal to the contract award as required by law and the regulations and determinations of the State. Bid bonds shall be made payable to the North Dakota State Hospital and shall be placed in a separate envelope. Cash, cashier's check or certified checks will not be accepted.

All bidders must be licensed in the State of North Dakota for the full amount of their bids, as provided by Section 43-07-05 of the North Dakota Century Code. A copy of the bidder's contractor's license issued by the Secretary of State shall be enclosed with the "Bid Bond Envelope". No proposal shall be read or considered which does not comply with the above provisions. Any deficient proposal submitted, that the Architect/Engineer and State are aware of, will be rescaled and returned to the bidder immediately. Any deficient proposal submitted that has latent defects will be rescaled and returned to the bidder as soon as the defect becomes known. Bidders shall state on the bid form supplements that they are able to provide: Bonds for Performance, Labor and Material Payment. Bidders shall also provide an anticipated construction schedule timeline.

Bids may not be delivered orally, by facsimile transmission, by other telecommunication or electronic means. Bidders assume the risk of the method of dispatch chosen. State assumes no responsibility for delays caused by any delivery service. Postmarking by the due date will not substitute for actual proposal receipt by State. A bidder's failure to submit its bid prior to the deadline will cause the bid to be rejected. Late bids or amendments will not be opened or accepted for evaluation.

Bids must confirm that the bidder will comply with all provisions in the project bidding documents. The proposal must disclose any instances where the firm or any individuals working on the project has a possible conflict of interest and, if so, the nature of that conflict (e.g. employed by the State of North Dakota).

Bids must remain open and valid for at least forty five (45) days from the deadline specified for submission of bids. In the event award is not made within forty five (45) days, the State will send a written request to all bidders deemed susceptible for award asking bidders to hold their price firm for a longer specified period of time.

termines it to be in its best interest. It is the intent of the State to award this project to the lowest and best-qualified responsible Bidder(s). Bids will be evaluated with regard to Base Bid Sum and Alternates. Alternates will be selected at random based on State's requirements for each alternate. Acceptance of one alternate does not mean acceptance or non-acceptance of another.

All interested firms must attend a Pre-Bid Conference on Thursday, August 26, 2010 at 2:30 PM in the Engineering Conference Room, 16 West Building on the State Hospital campus. Interested firms will be provided with an overview of the proposed project and time frames. A site visit of the various buildings may be held at this time to provide interested firms the opportunity to obtain first-hand knowledge of services to be performed, to review existing conditions, and to obtain independent measurements and observations, prior to submitting a bid. No other site visits to review the project will be provided.

Project Bidding Documents prepared by Lightowler Johnson Associates may be examined by interested bidders at the following locations until bid opening: Lightowler Johnson Associates, Fargo, ND; North Dakota State Hospital Engineering Office; North Dakota Builders' Exchanges: Fargo, Grand Forks, Bismarck, Mandan, Minot; South Dakota Builders' Exchange: Aberdeen; Minnesota Builders Exchange in Minneapolis; McGraw Hill Dodge Plan Room, and Minneapolis, MN.

Plans and specifications for the Roof Drain Leader Modifications Project - SH017 may be obtained by the bidder for their personal use from Lightowler Johnson Associates; 700 Main Avenue; Fargo, ND 58103, phone (701) 293-1350; Fax (701) 293-1353. Deposit for the plans is \$100.00 per set, payable to Lightowler Johnson Associates. The deposit will be reimbursed when plans are returned in usable condition within 10 days of bid. Partial or separate plans or separate specs will not be provided.

Each Bidder is responsible for reading and becoming thoroughly familiar with the project's Contract and Bidding Documents. Failure of any Bidder to understand the bidding or contract documents does not relieve any Bidder from any obligation in respect to their Bid.

All questions regarding the bidding or contract documents must be in writing and directed to the Project Manager - Marty Ness, Lightowler Johnson Associates, 700 Main Avenue, Fargo, ND 58103, and cite the Roof Drain Leader Modifications Project - SH017. The project manager must receive written questions by 11:00 am, Friday, September 3, 2010 to allow issuance of any necessary addenda.

If a question, omission, discrepancy or conflict in the documents, is not answered by an Addendum; the bidder shall bid the greater quantity or the better quality and an appropriate adjustment by Change order will be made after contract award.

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for opening of the bids or the authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified will not be considered. Bidder shall assume full responsibility for timely delivery of their proposal to the State.

This Project consists of the construction of a concrete foundation/slab and erection of an Owner supplied complete greenhouse on the new foundation/slab and to include all associated interior/exterior work required in the Bidding and Contract Documents. As this is a controlled access facility, security measures and coordination with State's staff shall be required at all times. Completion is required to be no later than November 30, 2010.

Sealed envelopes, (2 required) one for Bid and one for Bid Bond, attached to each other shall be plainly marked on the outside as: Greenhouse Project - SH0xx, North Dakota State Hospital, 2605 Circle Drive, Jamestown, ND 58401. The envelopes should bear on the outside the Bid Date, the Bidder's name, return address, and phone number, Bidders Construction License Number and the number of addenda being acknowledged.

One original and one copy of the bid shall be submitted in a "Bid Envelope" using the Bid Form contained in the project manual. Bidders shall submit the Bid form, with the Bid Price, Alternates, Number of Addenda acknowledged that meets the number on the envelope and Supplements supplied with the Bidding Documents. All blank spaces for Bid Prices and Supplemental Information asked for must be filled in, in ink or typewritten. If an item does not apply, the bidder shall fill in with the statement, does not apply.

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Bidders may not qualify their bid nor restrict the rights of the State. If a bidder does so, the State may determine the bid to be non-responsive, and the bid may be rejected.

The State may waive minor informalities that: (a) do not affect responsiveness; (b) are merely a matter of form or format; (c) do not change the relative standing or otherwise prejudice other offers; (d) do not change the meaning or scope of the project; (e) are insignificant, negligible, or immaterial in nature; (f) do not reflect a material change in the work; or (g) do not constitute a substantial reservation against a requirement or provision.

The State reserves the right to: (a) reject any or all bids or parts thereof and to waive any informalities in bidding; (b) reject any bid determined to be not responsive; (c) reject the bid of a bidder determined to be not responsible or unqualified to carry out their obligations; (d) reject the bid of a debarred or suspended vendor; (e) disqualify any bid upon evidence of collusion; and (f) refrain from making an award if it determines it to be in its best interest.

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Alex C. Schweitzer  
Superintendent  
North Dakota State Hospital  
Jamestown, North Dakota  
August 17, 24, 31, 2010

The North Dakota individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Advisory Committee will meet 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at the Comfort Inn, 1030 East Interstate Avenue, Bismarck, ND. If you have questions, please contact Darla Van Vleet 701-328-2277.

Agenda items include (1) Report: Learning Disabilities Identification and Response to Intervention; (2) Report: Critical Elements Analysis Guide; (3) Report: Re-designed new SPP-APR; (4) Update: Director's input on the Reauthorization of IDEA; (5) Update: Annual Performance Report Submission and Monitoring. For further information, or if you have any special needs, contact Alison Dollar, Department of Public Instruction, Office of Special Education, 600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 201, Bismarck, ND 58505-0440, (701) 328-2277. August 31, 2010

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