



UTILITIES CO.  
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

400 North Fourth Street  
Bismarck, ND 58501  
(701) 222-7900

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capitol – Department 408  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Case No. PU-11-\_\_\_\_  
Application for Permanent Authority to  
American Oil and Gas at Wheelock,  
North Dakota

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith respectfully submits an original and one copy of an Application for Permanent Authority to extend electric service to American Oil and Gas of Denver Colorado at a location in the SE ¼ of Section 35, Township 156N, Range 98W, Williams County, North Dakota.

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  
Pricing & Tariff Manager

Enclosures  
cc/enc.

Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative  
Chad Norpel – Williston

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**Permanent Authority Application**

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

In the Matter of the Application )  
of MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., )  
a Division of MDU Resources Group, )  
Inc., for an Order and Certificate to )  
Extend Service to American Oil and Gas )  
at Wheelock, North Dakota )

Case No. PU-11-\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT AUTHORITY**

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., for its Application to the Public Service Commission of North Dakota, respectfully alleges:

I.

The full name of Applicant is Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., and the post office address of its principal office is 400 North Fourth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501. Applicant is a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of and regulation by the Public Service Commission of North Dakota, under Title 49, N.D.C.C., as amended. MDU Resources Group, Inc.'s Certificate of Incorporation is incorporated herein by reference, and the Commission is requested to take official notice of the same.

II.

This Application is made pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 49-03, N.D.C.C., as amended, and the Rules of Practice and Procedure promulgated by the Commission.

III.

Application has been requested by American Oil and Gas, hereinafter referred to as "Customer," to provide electric service to it at a point located in the SE ¼ of Section 35,

Township 156N, Range 98W, named Johnson 15-35H, Williams County, North Dakota as shown on the map attached hereto, marked Exhibit A, and made a part hereof by reference. Customer needed electric service November 30, 2010 and such service was extended on December 21, 2010. Correspondence to the Customer should be directed to:

- American Oil and Gas, Inc.  
Attn: Blain K. Spies  
1050 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 4200  
Denver, Colorado 80265

#### IV.

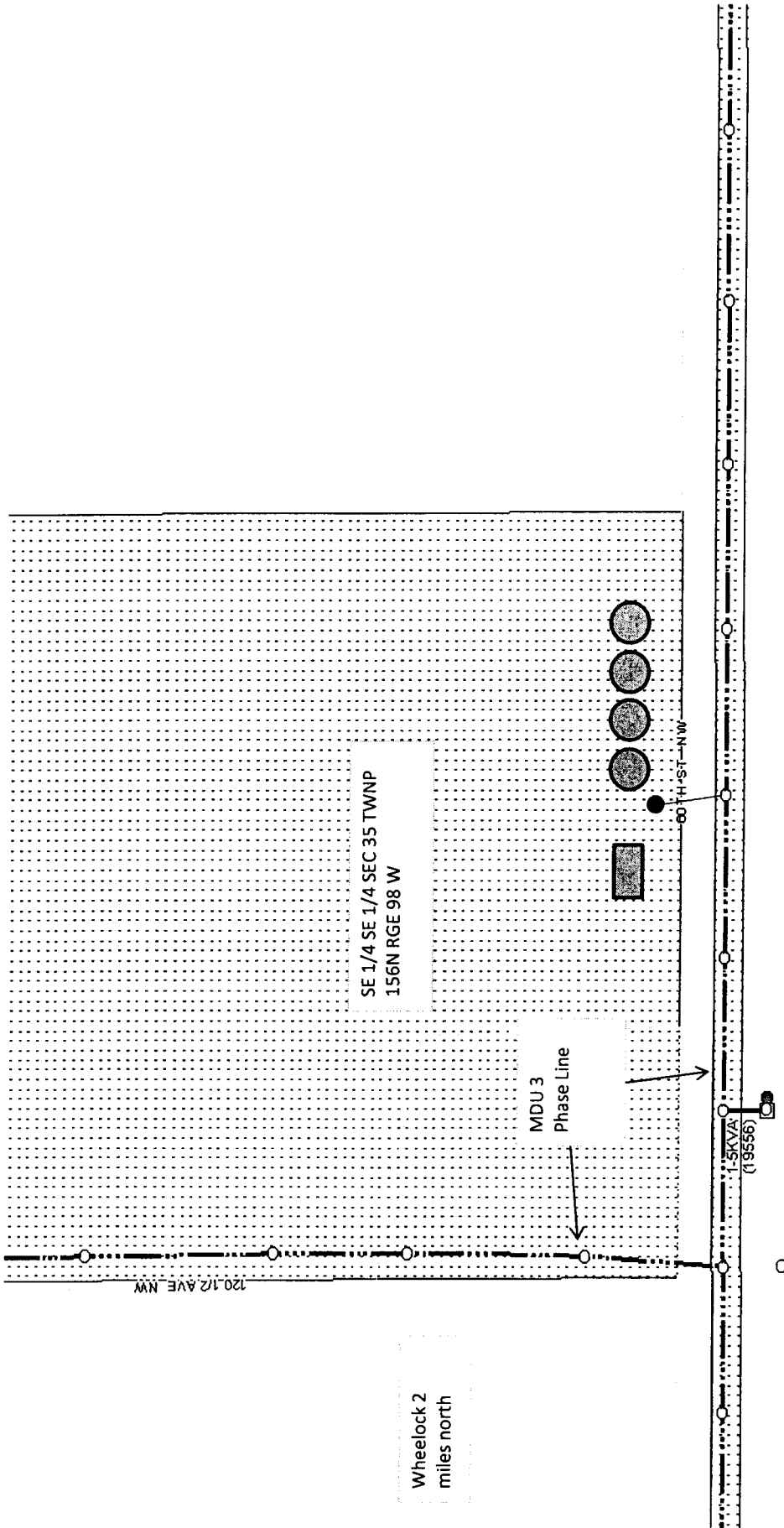
The service required by Customer at said location is three phase service, and the length of the extension was approximately 300 feet. The extension did not cross over Coop lines and the Coop was notified of the extension. The location of the proposed service is within the economic service area of Applicant and service will be extended under the provisions of the rules and regulations applicable thereto. It is Applicant's public utility obligation to furnish the requested service, and the public convenience and necessity requires, and will be served by, Applicant furnishing the requested service to this Customer at said location.

#### V.

Submitted as Exhibit B with this Application is an Appearance by Customer herein, in which Customer states to the Commission that it desires electric service from Applicant as a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of, and regulation by, this Commission. In said Appearance, Customer also waives Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and Notice of Hearing upon this Application, or a hearing thereon, and requests the Commission to issue an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing this requested



EXHIBIT A



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CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPEARANCE BY CUSTOMER**

American Oil and Gas Johnson 15-35H Williams County  
SE ¼ SE ¼ SEC 35 TWP 156N RGE 98W

hereinafter referred to as "Customer," hereby makes a voluntary appearance in this matter and states the following to the Commission:

I.

That he (it) desires electric service from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. as a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of, and regulation by, this Commission, and has requested said public utility to provide him (it) with immediate electric service at the point located as stated in the Application herein.

That Customer further states that he (it) is in need of and has demanded immediate service at said location for the reasons set forth in the Application herein. Customer waives notice of opportunity for hearing and notice of hearing upon said Application, or a hearing thereon, and requests the Commission to issue an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing this requested and needed service, and that provisions be made therein authorizing extension of immediate service.

II.

That all of the allegations of the Application herein are true and correct.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned, being the Customer involved herein, prays for the entry of an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by the Commission, authorizing the Applicant to immediately extend the requested and needed service to Customer at said location, subject to such appropriate and proper conditions to be appended to and made a part of such Temporary Order and Certificate as the Commission may determine, said Temporary Order and Certificate to become final as may be set forth in the conditions appended thereto; and for such other and further relief as may be proper in the premises.

Dated: 11/16/2010

Blaine Pellis  
(Customer)

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OPERATIONS MANAGER