



# MONTANA-DAKOTA

UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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

February 7, 2011

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  
Newfield Exploration at Grenora, 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 Newfield Exploration of Denver Colorado at a location in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 17, Township 159N, Range 102W, 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

**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 Newfield Exploration        )  
at Grenora, North Dakota                        )

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**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 Newfield Exploration, hereinafter referred to as "Customer," to provide electric service to it at a point located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of

Section 17, Township 159N, Range 102W, Williams County, North Dakota as shown on the map attached hereto, marked Exhibit A, and made a part hereof by reference. Customer needs electric service in February 2011. Correspondence to the Customer should be directed to:

Newfield Exploration  
Attn: Tony Urruty  
1001 Seventeenth Street, Suite 2000  
Denver, Colorado 80202

IV.

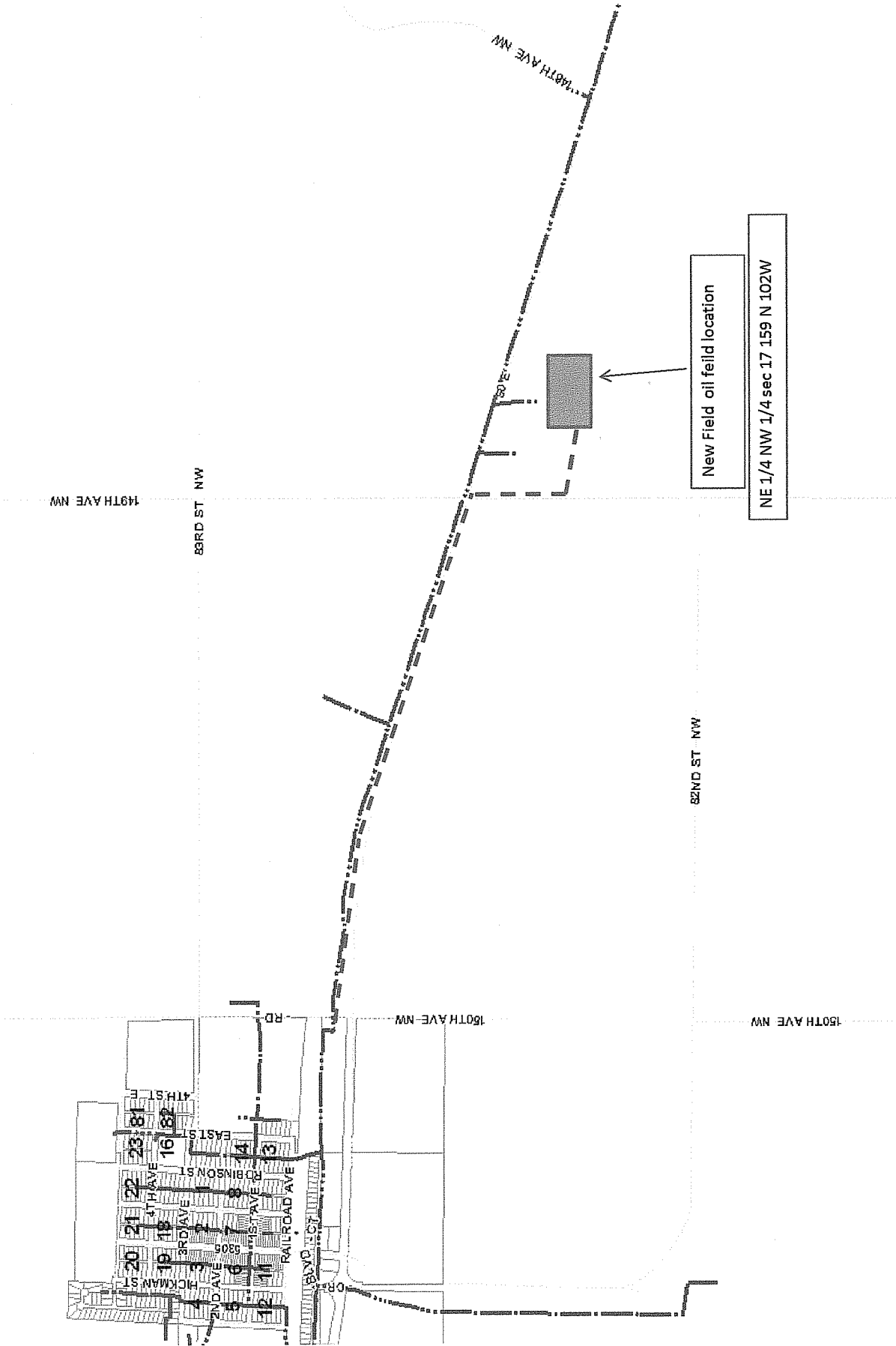
The service required by Customer at said location is three phase service, and the length of the extension will be approximately two miles. The extension did not cross over Coop lines and the Coop was notified of the extension. The location of the proposed service is within the economic service area of 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. The Temporary Authority Permit which was submitted on January 31, 2011 is attached as Exhibit B.

V.

Submitted as Exhibit C 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



New Field oil field location

NE 1/4 NW 1/4 sec 17 159 N 102W



**TEMPORARY AUTHORITY PERMIT**  
**NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES**  
 SFN 50560 (6-96)

EXHIBIT B

Date 01/31/2011	Time 2:00	<input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> p.m.	Name of Utility Montana Dakota Utilities	Telephone Number 701-572-1624
Name of Person Calling Chad Norpel			Name of Coop Serving Mountrail Williams REC	
Name of Customer New Field Oil Exploration		Location Sec NE1/4 Nw1/4 SEC 17 Twp 159 N R 102 W		
Address Grenora			County Williams	
City Grenora			State N.D.	Zip Code 58852
Name of Nearest City Tioga			Distance to the City 2 miles	
When will service be extended? 02/01/2011		Type of Service <input type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Grain Bin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Commercial</u>		
Extension Length to Most Economical Point of Service Utility: 2 miles Coop: 4 miles		Extension <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Overhead <input type="checkbox"/> Underground		
Has customer signed request for service? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Will cooperative protest application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Name of Person Contacted (PSC Use)		Date of Contact (PSC Use)	Time (PSC Use) <input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m.	
Estimated Cost of Extension \$100,000		Estimated Revenue \$500 a Month		
Under what rate filed with the Public Service Commission will customer be served? Rate 30				
Will extension cross over coop lines? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Will extension cross over railroad tracks? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Temporary Authority Authorized By <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> Letter		Date Authorized		
Authorized By (Name of Commissioner)				

Extension must be made from most economical point of service.

Comments:
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APPEARANCE BY CUSTOMER

Newfield Exploration

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.

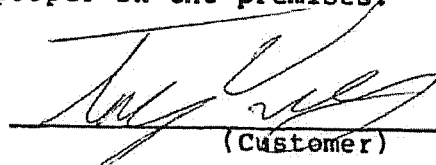
That Customer further states that he (it) is in need of and has demanded immediate service at said location for the reasons set forth in the Application herein. Customer waives notice of opportunity for hearing and notice of hearing upon said Application, or a hearing thereon, and requests the Commission 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: 1/24/11

  
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(Customer)