

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

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Newfield Exploration – Williams County  
Public Convenience & Necessity**

**Case No. PU-11-48**

**ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE & NECESSITY**

**April 6, 2011**

On February 7, 2011, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., an electric public utility, filed an application under Chapter 49-03, N.D.C.C. to extend service to Newfield Exploration at a location in Williams County, North Dakota.

On February 23, 2011, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in this proceeding. The Notice provided if no objections were received by March 28, 2011, the application would be granted as requested. No objections have been received.

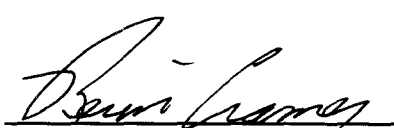
**Order**

The Commission orders:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. is issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5437 authorizing the provision of electric distribution service to Newfield Exploration at a point located in:

**The NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 17, Twp 159 N, R 102 W, Williams County, North Dakota.**

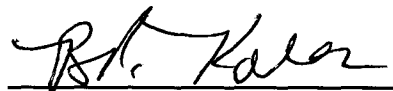
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**Kevin Cramer  
Commissioner**



**Tony Clark  
Chairman**



**Brian P. Kalk  
Commissioner**

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**Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity**

**Certificate Number 5437**

*This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., to serve Newfield Exploration in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 17, Township 159N, Range 102W, Williams County, North Dakota.*

*This certificate is issued in accordance with the Order of this Commission dated April 6, 2011 in Case No. PU-11-48, and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in the Order.*

*This certificate is conditioned upon Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, April 6, 2011.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
**Executive Secretary**

  
**Commissioner**