



MONTANA-DAKOTA

UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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November 23, 2011

Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Disposal of Franchise, Works & System
White Earth, North Dakota
Case No. PU-11-230

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith provides the Commission notice that the distribution franchise, works and system used in the provision of electric distribution service within the community of White Earth, North Dakota will be transferred to Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative (Mountrail-Williams) effective November 30, 2011.

On June 6, 2011, Montana-Dakota filed an application under N.D.C.C. §49-04-05, to transfer its distribution franchise, works and system used in the provision of electric distribution service within the community of White Earth, North Dakota to Mountrail-Williams.

On September 20, 2011, the Commission approved Montana-Dakota's request for release of its authority and obligation to provide electric service to the community of White Earth.

This transfer of service provides for operational efficiencies and orderly and efficient extension of service to new customers in the Williston area while assuring continued adequate and reliable electric service to customers of both electric providers. The advantages provided to Montana-Dakota and its other customers from the transfer of service is the avoidance of rebuilding the 1964 vintage single feed line serving White Earth while releasing capacity at the substation located north of Tioga currently utilized to serve the White Earth customers. The advantage provided to the White Earth customers is a new service feed that will serve them reliably into the future. Mountrail-Williams benefits from the additional load and the use of an existing corridor for a new transmission line.

On November 30, 2011, Montana-Dakota plans to remove its electrical connection and Mountrail-Williams plans to connect their electric facilities to the city of White Earth.

This is anticipated to take about two hours to complete. Montana-Dakota and Mountrail Williams will then work together to replace all of Montana-Dakota's electric meters with meters from Mountrail-Williams. Montana-Dakota has advised customers of these transfer plans and the date of the transfer, by written notice to each customer, dated November 17, 2011.

The electric franchise for White Earth previously held by Montana-Dakota has been revoked and issued to Mountrail-Williams by the City of White Earth.

The Commission's Order approving the transfer states that Montana-Dakota shall provide written notice to the Commission of the transfer date not less than 5 business days prior to the transfer date.

Montana-Dakota respectfully requests that the Commission determine the effective date of the Order of Approval issued on September 20, 2011 to be November 30, 2011.

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,



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