



MONTANA-DAKOTA

UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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

July 27, 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
Southwest Grain at New Salem,
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 Southwest Grain at a location in Section 22, Township 139N, Range 85W, Motron 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
Regulatory Affairs Manager

Enclosures

cc/enc.

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative
Craig Lohstreter – Bismarck Office

**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 Southwest Grain)
at New Salem, 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 Southwest Grain, hereinafter referred to as "Customer," to provide electric service to it at a point located in Section 22, Township

139N, Range 85W, Morton County, North Dakota as shown on the map attached hereto, marked Exhibit A, and made a part hereof by reference. Customer will need electric service in April 2012. Correspondence to the Customer should be directed to:

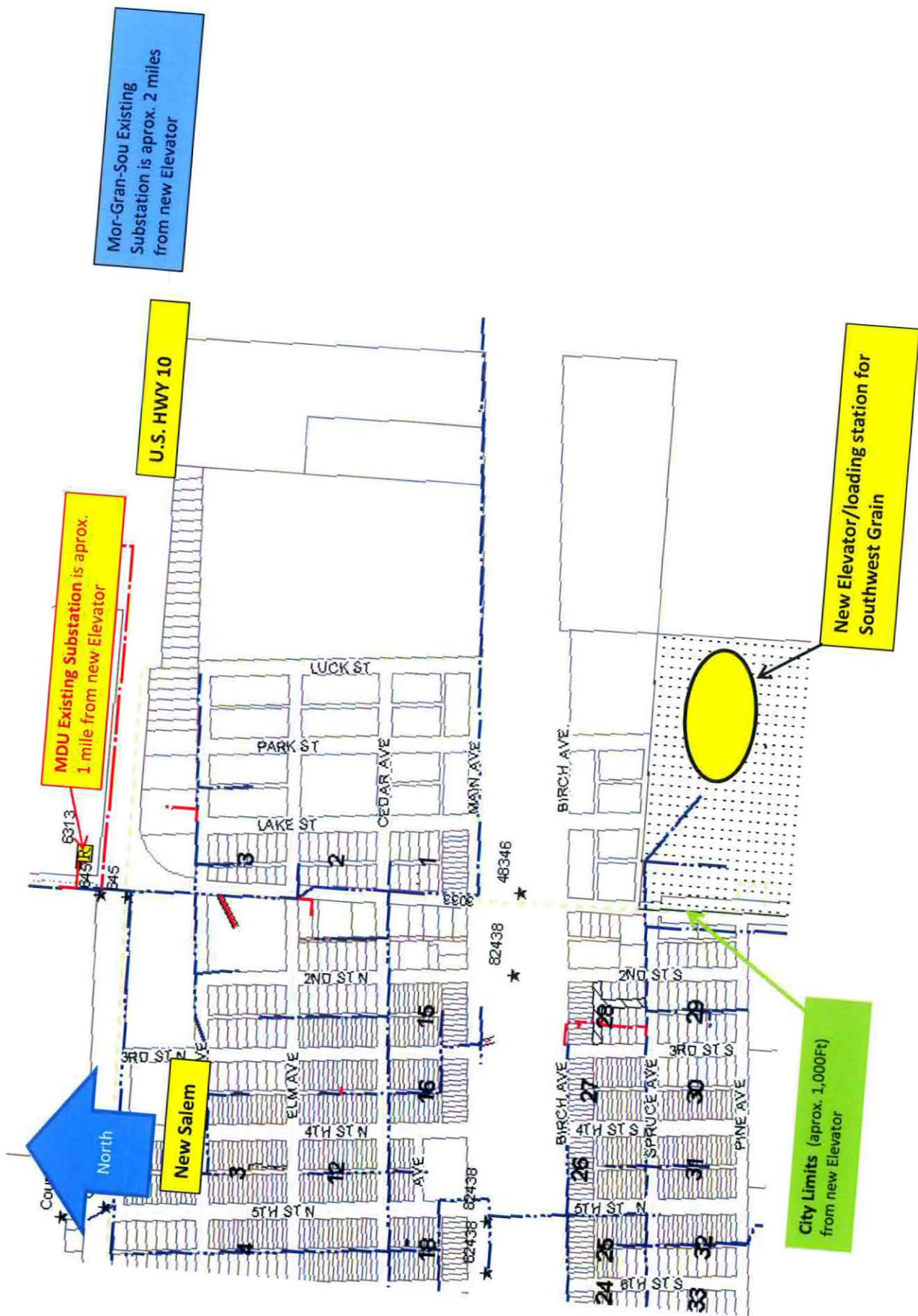
Southwest Grain
Attn: Gaylen Lennick
County Road 85
New Salem, ND 58563

IV.

The service required by Customer at said location is three phase service, and the length of the extension will be approximately one mile. 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 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 and needed service.



Mor-Gran-Sou Existing Substation is approx. 2 miles from new Elevator

MDU Existing Substation is approx. 1 mile from new Elevator

U.S. HWY 10

New Salem

New Elevator/loading station for Southwest Grain

City Limits (approx. 1,000ft) from new Elevator



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

Date 7/13/11	Time 8:30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m.	Name of Utility Montana-Dakota Utilities	Telephone Number 1-701-224-5815
Name of Person Calling Craig Lohstrefer			Name of Coop Serving Mor-Gran-Sou	
Name of Customer Gaylen Lennick (Southwest Grain)		Location Sec 22 Twp 139N R 85W		
Address County RD 85			County Morton	
City New Salem			State ND	Zip Code 58563
Name of Nearest City New Salem			Distance to the City 1,000 FT	
When will service be extended? April-2012		Type of Service <input type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Grain Bin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Elevator/loading station</u>		
Extension Length to Most Economical Point of Service Utility: 1 mile Coop: 2 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 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 \$86,500		Estimated Revenue \$49,250 Annual		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Temporary Authority Authorized By <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> Letter		Date Authorized 7/19/11		
Authorized By (Name of Commissioner) <i>Kevin Lammey</i>				

Extension must be made from most economical point of service.

Comments:

Install a new three phase primary circuit from our substation along HWY 10 to the new Southwest Grain Elevator, southeast of New Salem. MDU has a overhead single phase line approximately 500FT and a overhead three phase line approximately 1000FT from the new elevator. MDU will be coming out of the substation with underground, then going overhead until we get past the railroad tracks, which at that point we will go back to underground to feed into the new Grain Elevator. Southwest Grain has requested permanent power in the spring of 2012, but may need temporary this fall.

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APPEARANCE BY CUSTOMER

Gaylen Lennick (Southwest Grain)

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 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: _____ 7/13/11 _____



(Customer)