



Public Service Commission

State of North Dakota

COMMISSIONERS

Julie Fedorchak
Randy Christmann
Brian P. Kalk

Executive Secretary
Darrell Nitschke

September 18, 2015

600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480
Web: www.psc.nd.gov
E-mail: ndpsc@nd.gov
Phone: 701-328-2400
ND Toll Free: 1-877-245-6685
Fax: 701-328-2410
TDD: 800-366-6888 or 711

Ms. Tamie A. Aberle, Director, Regulatory Affairs
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
400 North Fourth Street
Bismarck, ND 58501

RE: Case Nos. PU-10-164 and PU-11-631 Post Construction Inspections

Dear Ms. Aberle:

As per the North Dakota Public Service Commission order and Certification Relating to Order Provisions, the Commission retains the right to conduct construction inspections. The North Dakota Public Service Commission retained a third-party vendor to conduct these inspections. Below we provide a weblink to the third-party post construction inspection reports for your review and a link to the Commission's orders in these proceedings. We also list actions recommended in the post construction inspection reports for follow-up by the Company to confirm compliance with the Commission order.

PU-10-164

The North Dakota Public Service Commission sent the attached letter to the Company on February 12, 2014. As of this date, the Commission has not received a response to this letter.

Additionally, in compliance with the Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications, the Company is required to supply the Commission with an annual report on its tree and shrub mitigation results. There is no record of a 2014 report being filed.

PU-11-631

The third party inspection of the Company's Heskett 3 generation project was completed in January 2015. As noted in that report, the Commission requests the following information:

- As built drawings (Certification to Order Provision No. 32)
- The report for the Class III survey has not been filed with the Commission
- The Wetland Delineation Report has not been filed with the Commission
- The Botanical and Biological Inventory has not been filed with the Commission
- Documentation that the areas that were re-vegetated have fully established vegetation.

100 PU-11-631 Filed 09/18/2015 Pages: 2
Letter re post construction inspection report


149 PU-10-164 Filed 09/18/2015 Pages: 2
Letter re post construction inspection report
Public Service Commission

- Confirmation that the Company participated in the North Dakota One-Call program before, during and after construction.
- Tree and Shrub Survival Reports should be submitted in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

We would appreciate the Company's responses to the above, with the exception of future year Tree and Shrub Mitigation reports in 30 days.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 701-328-1035.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Lein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "L".

Jerry Lein
Public Utility Analyst