

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
Heskett Station Natural Gas Pipeline – Morton County
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-11-680

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF HEARING
March 27, 2013

On February 13, 2013, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed applications for a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit to authorize construction for a 24-mile 10-inch diameter natural gas pipeline in Morton County, North Dakota, as shown on the attached map. MDU also filed a request for waiver of procedures and time schedules established under North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22 and North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 69-06-06. On March 21, 2013, MDU provided additional information including clarifying that all residences along the route are outside of city limits, copies of waivers signed to date, a discussion of no reasonable alternatives and groundwater mitigation efforts and their Environmental Mitigation Plan.

A Public Hearing on the applications is scheduled to begin at 9:00 A.M. CDT on May 3, 2013, at the Mandan City Hall, 205 Second Avenue, NW, Mandan, North Dakota 58554.

The issues to be considered are:

1. Is the proposed facility of such length, design, location, or purpose that it will produce minimal adverse effects, or, does a demonstrable emergency exist which requires immediate construction and that adherence to the procedures and time schedules would jeopardize the utility's system?
2. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
3. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
4. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

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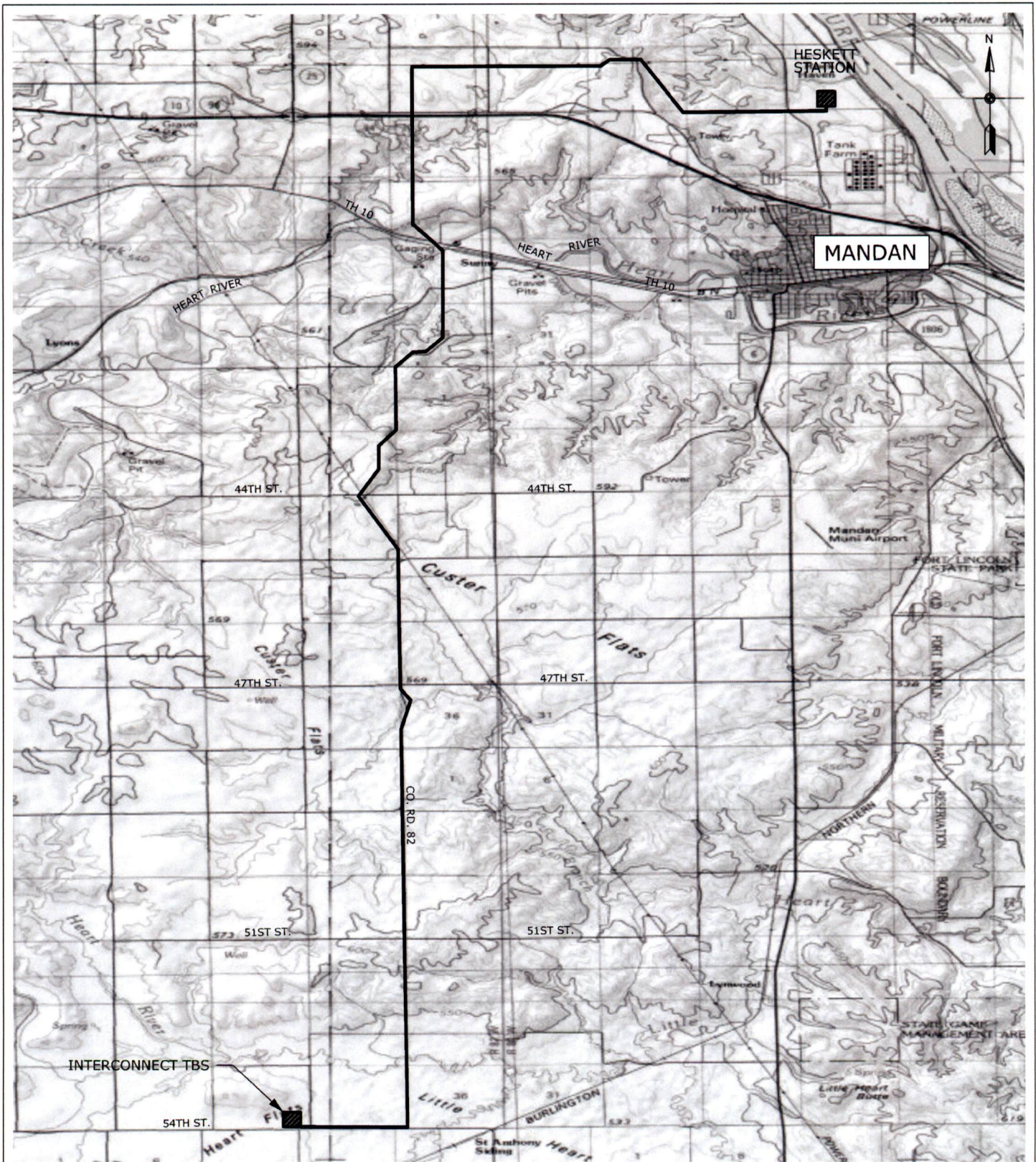
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————— DENOTES PROPOSED PIPELINE ROUTE

SITE APPLICATION EXHIBIT
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