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



Re: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s
Application for a Certificate of Site
Compatibility and Energy
Transmission Facility Route Permit
for Natural Gas Pipeline to serve the
88 MW Natural Gas Simple Cycle
Combustion Turbine in Morton
County, North Dakota

Case No. PU-11-680

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Montana-Dakota) herewith submits a request to amend its Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility and Energy Transmission Facility Route Permit for a Natural Gas Pipeline to serve the 88 MW Natural Gas Simple Cycle Combustion Turbine in Morton County, North Dakota. Montana-Dakota is requesting a minor modification to the pipeline route located on 38th Street between Highway 1806 and the Heskett Station to avoid the 500 foot avoidance area associated with the residential homes located along 38th Street north of Mandan. Montana-Dakota is requesting to move the pipeline approximately thirty-five feet to the south of the original location shown on Exhibit No. MDU-4 submitted at the May 3, 2013 hearing. Provided as Attachment A is a map showing the reroute necessary to avoid the 500 foot avoidance area.

As reported at the May 3, 2013 hearing, Montana-Dakota needed waivers from 23 homeowners and two businesses for the project. Twelve of those residences are located along 38th Street between Highway 1806 and the Heskett Station. At the time of the hearing only one waiver request was outstanding for a homeowner located on 38th Street. Montana-Dakota has been unable to secure a waiver of the 500 foot requirement from this individual. It was determined to pursue expanding the easement from Tesoro south of 38th Street to relocate the pipeline outside of the 500 foot avoidance area. The relocation does not affect any additional exclusion or avoidance areas.

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Montana-Dakota requests that the Commission find that the amendment proposed here does not materially change the corridor and route sought under the original Application in accordance with 69-06-04-01.5 and therefore requests the Commission determine a rehearing is not required.

Montana-Dakota will be submitting additional information discussed at the hearing, including Late Filed Exhibit MDU-13, and a proposed Order within the next several weeks. Montana-Dakota respectfully requests the Commission consider this request for a reroute in order to provide for a construction start date in July in order to avoid winter construction.

The original and ten (10) copies of this request for a minor route modification in the pending Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility and Energy Transmission Facility Route Permit pending in Case No. PU-11-680 are hereby filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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