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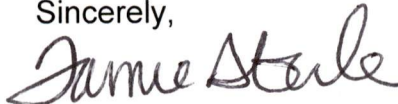
Executive Secretary  
ND Public Service Commission  
State Capitol Building  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Heskett Station Natural Gas Pipeline  
Case No. PU-11-680

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith electronically respectfully files its Meetings Notes and Attendance List from the Preconstruction Conference held at the Montana-Dakota General Office on Thursday September 5, 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 701-222-7856 or [tamie.aberle@mdu.com](mailto:tamie.aberle@mdu.com).

Sincerely,



Tamie Aberle  
Director of Regulatory Affairs

September 5, 2013

Meeting Notes

ND PSC Case No. PU-11-680  
Heskett Pipeline Construction Project

Pre-Construction conference Call  
11:00 AM CST

In attendance:

Thomas Hitz	Pro Source
Chris Powell	Infra Source
Bill Mudge	Infra Source
David Yexley	Montana-Dakota
Tamie Aberle	Montana-Dakota
Matt Klingenstein	Montana-Dakota
Nathan Sundt	Montana-Dakota
Gene Brown	Montana-Dakota
Caitlin Straabe	Montana-Dakota
Holly Rudnick	Wenck Associates
Sara Cardwell	North Dakota Public Service Commission Staff
Patrick Fahn	North Dakota Public Service Commission Staff

Meeting opened by Dennis Yexley at 11:00 AM CST.

Ms. Cardwell began with a notice that meeting notes and weekly construction reports must be filed to the North Dakota Public Service Commission via email at [ndpsc@nd.gov](mailto:ndpsc@nd.gov), with electronic copies being sent to Ms. Cardwell at the PSC and Kevin Magstadt with Wenck Associates. The bottom of all filings must have a 1.3 inch margin to allow for the PSC to label all incoming filings accordingly.

Ms. Cardwell then began a review of the Certification Relating to Order Provisions Transmission Facility Siting by reading each provision of the certification. Specific sections were discussed as follows:

#4, Pg 1. Any construction permits need to be filed with the Commission prior to construction activity associated with the transmission facility. Mr. Yexley confirmed that constructions permits were being filed today for this project.

#5, Pg 1. The Commission and the Commission's third-party construction inspector will receive updates on construction activities on a weekly basis. Mr. Yexley gave a description of the standard construction report that Montana-Dakota uses. Ms. Cardwell replied that the report

must show the dates that construction would start. Mr. Yexley stated that construction would begin on Monday September 9, with crews working six ten hour days to finish the project.

#13, Pg 2. Graded roads must be bored unless the responsible governing agency permits the road to be cut open. Mr. Yexley stated that all graveled roads and the bike trail west of Heskett would be drilled underneath.

#15, Pg 3. The company must suspend construction due to weather conditions. Ms. Cardwell requested that the weekly construction report should note when weather shuts down construction operations. Mr. Yexley agreed.

#28, Pg 4. The company is required to create a complaint procedure. Ms. Cardwell stated that the PSC will require the contact information of the complaint. Mr. Yexley outlined Montana-Dakota's procedure for complaints, stating that Nathan Sundt will be the contact person out in the field for complaints. Ms. Cardwell clarified that if the PSC receives a complaint directly from an individual, they should direct them to Nathan Sundt to initiate the complaint procedure. Mr. Sundt can be contacted by email at [nathan.sundt@mdu.com](mailto:nathan.sundt@mdu.com) or by phone at 701-290-2932. Mr. Yexley agreed.

#30, Pg 4. The language and law regarding section 30 has been altered. Ms. Cardwell stated that the new certification would be discussed after the reading of the certification dated May 3, 2013.

Mr. Yexley raised a question on whether there was a need to email the PSC on the start date of construction.

Ms. Cardwell responded that there was no need, being that the date (Monday September 9<sup>th</sup> 2013) was announced with PSC members on the conference call. However, if the start date changes, the change should be reported in the weekly report.

Mr. Mudge raised a question on the underground facilities damage with a scenario of if a transmission line was hit and One-Call was notified that there was damage and it was fixed, if Montana-Dakota was able to proceed with construction.

Mr. Fahn interjected that if damage is caused to underground facilities (such as telephone cables), work must be suspended in the area and the company contact the PSC. Work in that area cannot continue until the PSC gives approval.

Mr. Yexley stated that rural areas often have dead cables that are no longer in use that are still in the ground.

Mr. Fahn replied that the PSC still must be call about any damage to underground facilities, whether they are live or not. Montana-Dakota must stop and wait until the PSC gives approval to restart.

Ms. Cardwell reviewed Certification Relating to N.D.C.C §49-22-16.3 by reading the certification dated August 20, 2013:

The change is law is to allow companies like Montana-Dakota to continue work, but the company must provide reasons why the change to the site plan was necessary.

Ms. Cardwell asked if the third-party construction inspector (Wenck Associates) had any comments. Ms. Rudnick replied with there was none and that Kevin Magstadt will be the lead on this project and contact information will need to be provided to him when out in the field.

Thomas Hitz, the environmental consultant from ProSource Technologies confirmed he will be onsite for the entire time of the construction project.

Mr. Fahn inquired on the building permits that are being submitted by Montana-Dakota.

Mr. Yexley responded that there will be buildings over regulator stations on each end of the line, a gas plant and a regulatory station on the other end.

No further questions were asked by Montana-Dakota, the PSC or other contractors. The call ended at 11:48 AM CST.

Caitlin Straabe

Heskett Pipeline Construction Kick Off Meeting

September 5, 2013

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