

November 6, 2013

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



Re: Certification & Supporting  
Documentation in Support of Route  
Adjustment  
Case No. PU-11-680

In accordance with N.D.C.C §49-22-21-16.3.1, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith electronically submits its Certification and documentation supporting an adjustment to the route of the natural gas pipeline designated as Route Permit No. 156 in the Commission's Order issued on August 21, 2013. The route adjustment is within the corridor designated in this proceeding.

Please contact me at 701.222.7856 or Dan Kuntz at 701.530.1016 if you have questions regarding this submittal or Dave Yexley at 701.261.8595 regarding the route adjustment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamie A. Aberle".

Tamie A. Aberle  
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

Cc: Dan Kuntz  
Dave Yexley

**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**

**Certification and Supporting Documentation in Support of Route Adjustment**

The undersigned, a representative of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., (“Company”) with authority to bind the Company, certifies the following with regard to an adjustment of the route of the natural gas pipeline in this proceeding in accordance with the provisions of N.D.C.C. §49-22-16.3 and the Certification relating to the statute filed in this proceeding on August 20, 2013.

1. The Company will adjust the original route of the pipeline up to 23 feet to avoid crossing a high pressure water line that intersects the current route. The length of the adjustment is approximately 805.9 feet. The Company seeks this adjustment pursuant to subsection 1 of N.D.C.C. § 49-22-16.3 because:
  - (a) The construction activities for the adjusted route will occur within the designated corridor;
  - (b) The construction activities for the adjusted route will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance areas within the designated corridor; and
  - (c) The Company, in adjusting the route, will comply with the Commission’s order, laws or rules designating the corridor and original route.
  
2. Filed with this certification is a map meeting the requirement of N.D. Admin Code § 69-06-04-01(n) and identifying:
  - (a) The designated original route and route adjustment;
  - (b) The designated corridor;
  - (c) There is a home within 500 feet of original route for which the Company has obtained a waiver. The adjusted route will be located a greater distance from the home. There are no other exclusion or avoidance areas within the designated corridor area containing the route adjustment;
  - (d) Myron and Carrie Schmidt are the landowners within the designated corridor containing the route adjustment and their property is designated on the map; and
  - (e) Morton County has an interest in the designated corridor area containing the route adjustment as it controls the county road which is crossed by both the original and adjusted route.

3. (a) Myron and Carrie Schmidt are the owners of the real property on which the route adjustment will be located. The Schmidt's contact information is as follows:

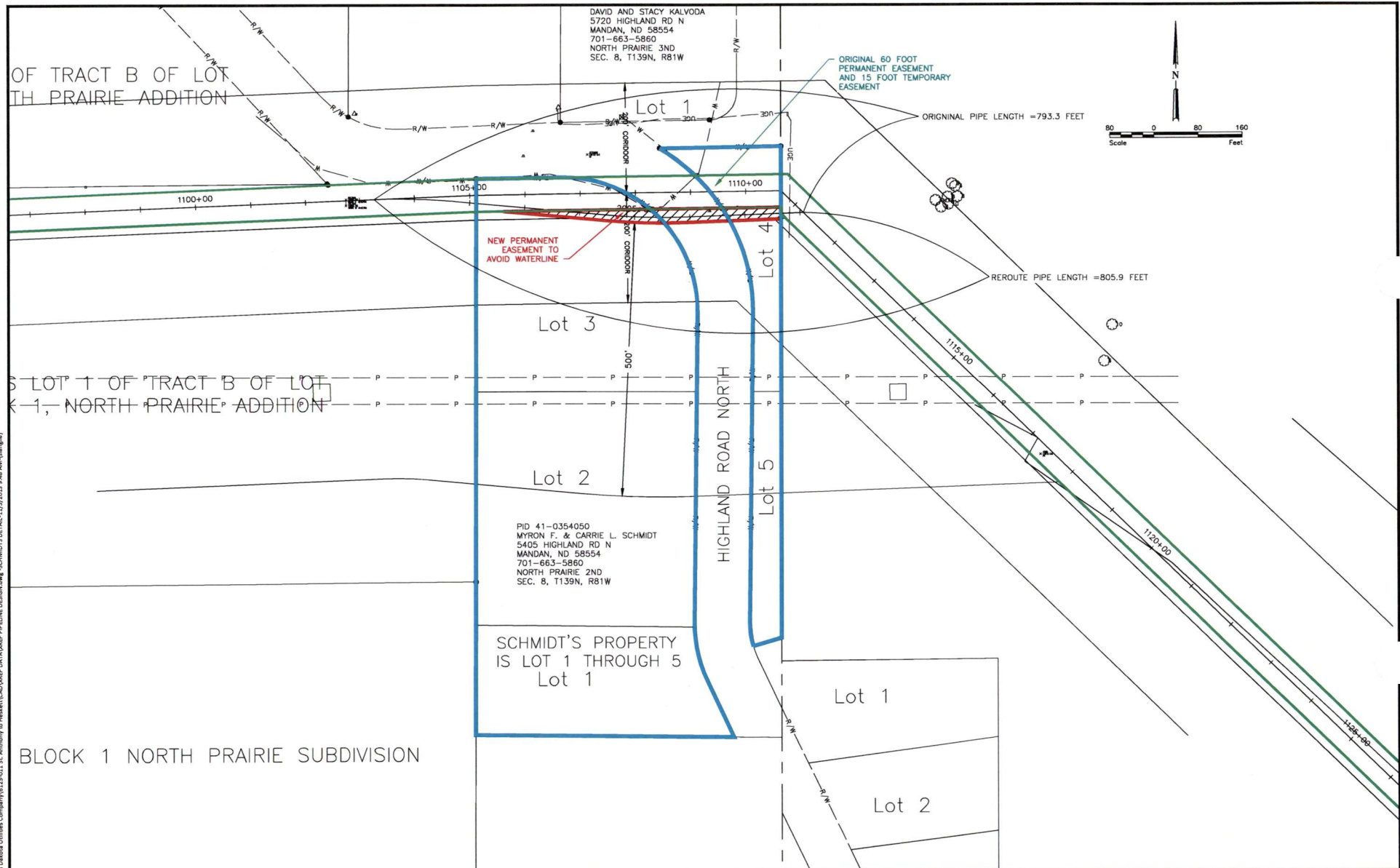
Myron and Carrie Schmidt  
5405 Highland Road North  
Mandan, ND 58554

- (b) Except as described in section 2(c) above, there are no other owners of real property within 500 feet of the route adjustment.
- (c) Except as described in section 2(c) above, there are no affected avoidance areas.
- (d) Morton County has an interest in the adjustment area by its control of the county road which is crossed by the original and adjusted routes. The contact information for Morton County is:

Mike Aubol  
County Engineer  
Morton County Highway Department  
2916 37<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Mandan, ND 58554

4. Myron and Carrie Schmidt do not oppose the route adjustment. The Company has negotiated and obtained an easement from Myron and Carrie Schmidt for the adjusted route. The Company will underground bore the county road for the adjusted route in the same manner it intended to bore the road for the original route. The Company has advised Morton County of the route adjustment and it has no objection thereto.
5. The construction activities will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance areas. Except as described in Section 2(c) above, documents previously submitted in this proceeding demonstrated there were not exclusion or avoidance areas located in the corridor area where the route adjustment will occur. The original corridor will not be revised by the adjusted route.
6. The Company does not request relief from any provision of the Commission's order in this proceeding designating the original route and corridor. The Company agrees all provisions of the Commission's order designating the original route and corridor are applicable to the adjusted route.
7. The Company certifies that it will comply with the Commission's order and all applicable laws, rules and regulations designating the corridor and route with respect to the adjusted route.





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No.	Revision	I hereby certify that this survey, plan, or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision, and that I am a duly Registered Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of North Dakota. Steven M. Bangle BLS No. 12476	Date		Bismarck		Drawn by SML	Date 11-5-13	SCHMIDT'S EASEMENT REROUTE MDU ADDRESS	CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY PROJECT NO. 6125-011	SHEET 1 of 1
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