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Ms. Tamie A. Aberle, Director, Regulatory Affairs
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
400 North Fourth Street
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RE: Case No. PU-11-680
Post Construction Inspection

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 inspections. Below we provide a weblink to the third-party post construction inspection report for your review and a link to the Commission's order in this proceeding. We also list actions recommended in the post construction inspection report for follow-up by the Company to confirm compliance with the Commission order.

The third party inspection of the Company's Heskett Station Natural Gas Pipeline Project was completed in December 2014. As noted in that report, the Commission requests the following information:

- Documentation that there was minimal disturbance and narrowing of the ROW within the native prairie area.
- Documentation that the areas that were re-vegetated have fully established vegetation.
- Documentation that weed control has been effective.
- Documentation that erosion and sedimentation has not occurred in the areas noted (the hill with evidence of heavy livestock travel and some vehicle travel attributed to local residents and near Pipeline Marker N:388012.25 E:1847743.82.)
- 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.


The third party inspection report can be found at:
<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/11-0680/083-020.pdf>

The Commission's order can be found at:
<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/11-0680/048-010.pdf>

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 701-328-4153.

Sincerely,


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