



UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

400 North Fourth Street
Bismarck, ND 58501
(701) 222-7900

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Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol – Department 408
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RE: Case No. PU-12-____
Application for Permanent Authority to the
Knife River Corporation at Watford City,
North Dakota

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith respectfully submits an original and one copy of an Application for Permanent Authority to extend electric service to the Knife River Corporation at a location in Section 23, Township 150N, Range 99W, McKenzie County, North Dakota.

Please acknowledge receipt by stamping or initialing the duplicate copy of this letter attached hereto and returning the same in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely,

Tamie A. Aberle
Regulatory Affairs Manager

Enclosures
cc/enc.

McKenzie Electric Cooperative
Ken Callahan – Williston Office

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Permanent authority application

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources
Group, Inc.
Tamie Aberle

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

In the Matter of the Application)
of MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.,)
a Division of MDU Resources Group,)
Inc., for an Order and Certificate to)
Extend Service to Knife River)
at Watford City, North Dakota)

Case No. PU-12-____

APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT AUTHORITY

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., for its Application to the Public Service Commission of North Dakota, respectfully alleges:

I.

The full name of Applicant is Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., and the post office address of its principal office is 400 North Fourth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501. Applicant is a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of and regulation by the Public Service Commission of North Dakota, under Title 49, N.D.C.C., as amended. MDU Resources Group, Inc.'s Certificate of Incorporation is incorporated herein by reference, and the Commission is requested to take official notice of the same.

II.

This Application is made pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 49-03, N.D.C.C., as amended, and the Rules of Practice and Procedure promulgated by the Commission.

III.

Application has been requested by the Knife River Corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Customer," to provide electric service to it at a point located in Section 23, Township

150N, Range 99W, McKenzie County, North Dakota as shown on the map attached hereto, marked Exhibit A, and made a part hereof by reference. Customer needed electric service on July 18, 2012. Correspondence to the Customer should be directed to:

Knife River Corporation
5654 134th Ave NW
Williston, ND 58801

IV.

The service required by Customer at said location is three phase service, and the length of the extension will be approximately 75 feet. The extension will not cross over Coop lines and the Coop was notified of the extension. The location of the proposed service is within the economic service area of Applicant and service will be extended under the provisions of the rules and regulations applicable thereto. It is Applicant's public utility obligation to furnish the requested service, and the public convenience and necessity requires, and will be served by, Applicant furnishing the requested service to this Customer at said location. The Temporary Authority Permit is attached as Exhibit B.

V.

Submitted as Exhibit C with this Application is an Appearance by Customer herein, in which Customer states to the Commission that it desires electric service from Applicant as a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of, and regulation by, this Commission. In said Appearance, Customer also waives Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and Notice of Hearing upon this Application, or a hearing thereon, and requests the Commission to issue an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing this requested and needed service.

VI.

The extension will not cross any railroad tracks.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests the entry of an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Applicant to extend the requested and needed service to Customer.

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

By: Tamie A. Aberle
Tamie A. Aberle
Regulatory Affairs Manager

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
)ss.
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH)

Tamie A. Aberle, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that she is the Regulatory Affairs Manager of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., the Applicant herein, and makes this verification on its behalf; that she has read the foregoing Application and knows the contents thereof, and that the statements made and contained therein are true and correct to the best of her information, knowledge, and belief.

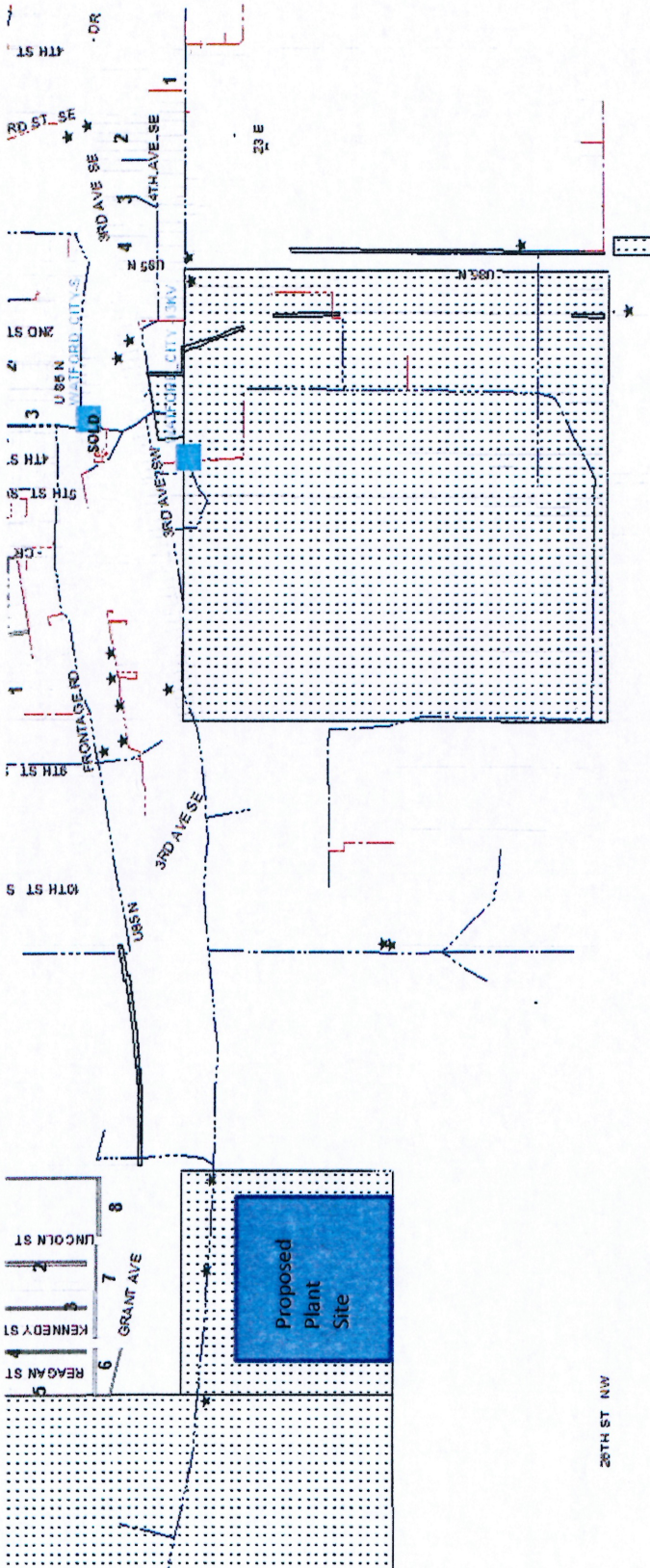
Tamie A. Aberle
Tamie A. Aberle

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 31st day of July 2012.

SARA J GRAF
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires September 18, 2013

Sara J. Graf
Sara J. Graf, Notary Public
Burleigh County, North Dakota
My Commission Expires: 9/18/2013

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26TH ST NW



TEMPORARY AUTHORITY PERMIT
 NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 PUBLIC UTILITIES
 SFN 50560 (6-96)

EXHIBIT B

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|---|--------------|--|---|----------------------------------|
| Date July 9, 2012 | Time 4:00 | <input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> p.m. | Name of Utility Montana-Dakota Utilities | Telephone Number 701-572-1620 |
| Name of Person Calling Ken Callahan | | | Name of Coop Serving McKenzie Electric Cooperative | |
| Name of Customer Knife River | | Location Sec SE23 Twp 150N R 99W | | |
| Address 401-14th Street SW | | | County McKenzie Electric | |
| City Watford City | | | State ND | Zip Code 58854 |
| Name of Nearest City Watford City | | | Distance to the City 1/4 mile | |
| When will service be extended? July 18, 2012 | | Type of Service <input type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Grain Bin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>3 Phase</u> | | |
| Extension Length to Most Economical Point of Service Utility: 75' Coop: 500' | | Extension <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Overhead <input type="checkbox"/> Underground | | |
| Has customer signed request for service? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | Will cooperative protest application? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| Name of Person Contacted (PSC Use) | | Date of Contact (PSC Use) | Time (PSC Use) <input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m. | |
| Estimated Cost of Extension \$3,000 | | Estimated Revenue \$12,000 | | |
| Under what rate filed with the Public Service Commission will customer be served? Rate 30 | | | | |
| Will extension cross over coop lines? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | Will extension cross over railroad tracks? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| Temporary Authority Authorized By <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> Letter | | Date Authorized 11 July 2012 | | |
| Authorized By (Name of Commissioner) | | | | |

Extension must be made from most economical point of service.

Comments:
 Customer requested MDU to serve them, John Skurupey from McKenzie Electric was notified and hasn't given us an answer if he will protest this load. MDU has 3 Phase electric distribution on the north side of the property and less than 75 feet from building. McKenzie Electric has power on the very south side of the property and would have to cross MDU lines

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APPEARANCE BY CUSTOMER

Knife River

hereinafter referred to as "Customer", hereby makes a voluntary appearance in this matter and states the following to the Commission:

I.

That he (it) desires electric service from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. as a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of, and regulation by, this Commission, and has requested said public utility to provide him (it) with immediate electric service at the point located as stated in the Application herein.

That customer further states that he (it) is in need of and has demanded immediate service at said location for the reasons set forth in the Application herein. Customer waives notice of opportunity for hearing and notice of hearing upon said Application, or a hearing thereon, and requests the Commission to issue an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing this requested and needed service, and that provisions be made therein authorizing extension of immediate service.

II.

That all the allegations of the Application herein are true and correct.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned, being the Customer involved herein, prays for the entry of an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by the Commission, authorizing the Applicant to immediately extend the requested and needed service to Customer at said location, subject to such appropriate and proper conditions to be appended to and made a part of such Temporary Order and Certificate as the Commission may determine, said Temporary Order and Certificate to become final as may be set forth in the conditions appended thereto; and for such other and further relief as may be proper in the premises.

Dated: 6/28/12

Knife River
(Customer)