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December 13, 2012

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

RE: Case No. PU-12-____
Application for Permanent Authority to
WBI Energy, Inc. near Dickinson,
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 WBI Energy, Inc. at a location in Section 15, Township 139, Range 97, Stark 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
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures
cc/enc. Roughrider Electric Cooperative

**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.,) Case No. PU-12-____
for an Order and Certificate to)
Extend Electric Service to WBI)
Energy, Inc. near Dickinson,)
North Dakota)

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 WBI Energy, Inc., hereinafter referred to as

"Customer," to provide electric service to the property located in Section 15, Township 139, Range 97, Stark County, North Dakota as more particularly described and shown on Exhibit A and made a part hereof by reference. Customer requires electric service by March, 2013 for its Diesel Topping Plant and related facilities to be located at this site. Correspondence to the Customer should be directed to:

Paul Hopfauf, Vice President- Business Development
WBI Energy, Inc.
P.O. Box 5601
Bismarck, ND 58506-5601

IV.

The service required by Customer at said location is three phase service, and the length of the extension will be approximately 2,000 feet from Montana-Dakota's 41.6 kV line. A breaker bay addition to an existing transmission substation and a distribution substation and transformer will also be required to provide the requested electric service. The line extension will not cross any railroad tracks or cross over Coop lines. 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 request for Temporary Authority 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 electric service.

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.

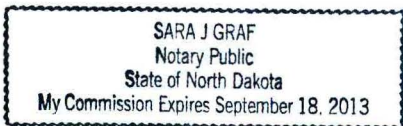
By: Tamie A. Aberle
Tamie A. Aberle
Director of Regulatory Affairs

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

Tamie A. Aberle, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that she is the Director of Regulatory Affairs 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.

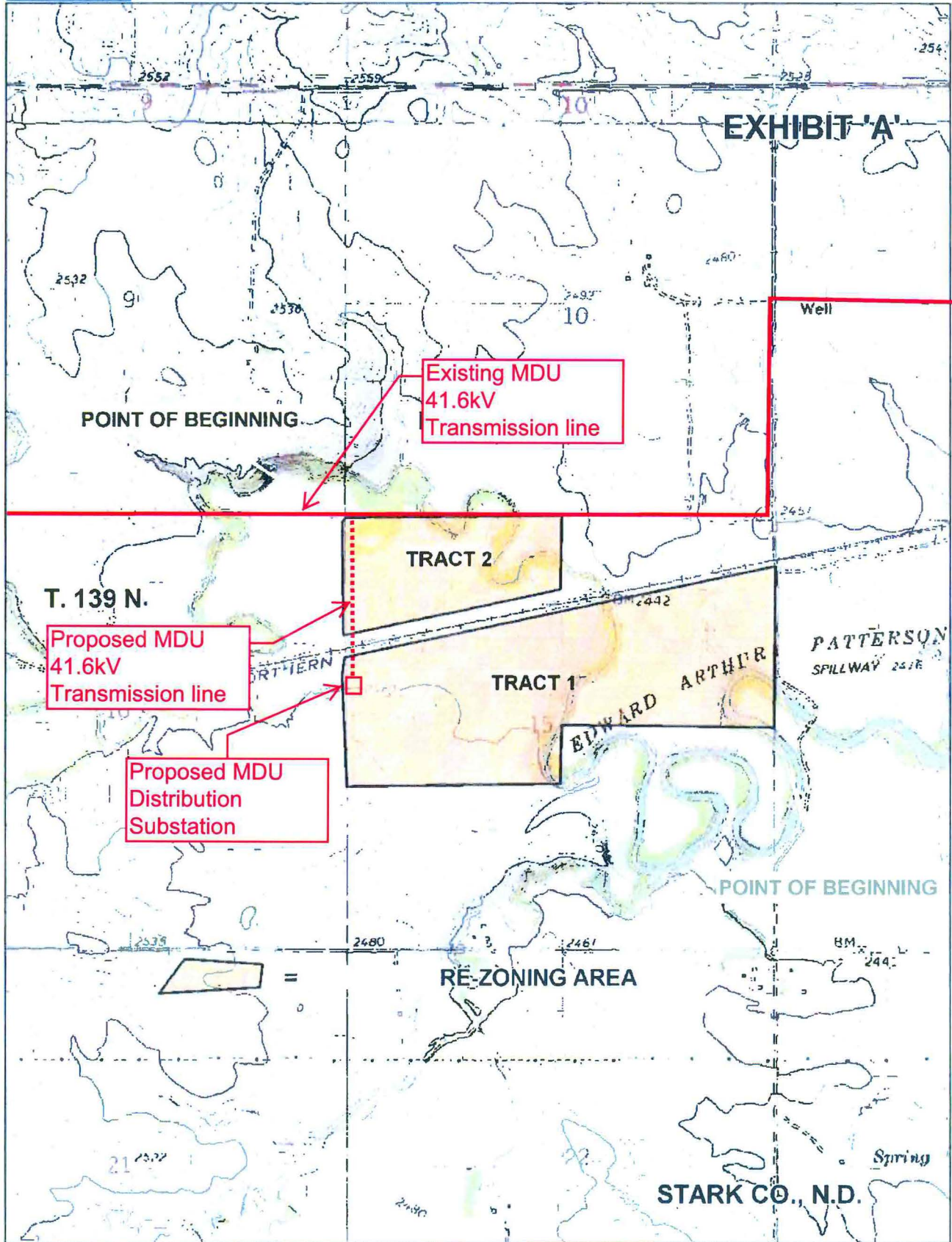
Tamie A. Aberle
Tamie A. Aberle

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 13th day of December 2012.



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

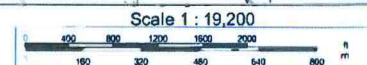
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OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

In the Matter of the Application of
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

Case No. _____

APPEARANCE BY CUSTOMER

WBI Energy, Inc.

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

I.

WBI Energy and Calumet Refining, LCC ("Calumet") are jointly pursuing development of an oil refinery ("Refinery") at the location stated in the Application. The Refinery will be constructed and operated by an entity jointly owned by WBI Energy and Calumet. Site preparation at the location is expected to begin in the first or second quarter of 2013 with the Refinery to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2014. WBI Energy has purchased the property at the location stated in the Application and desires Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. ("Montana-Dakota"), as a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of, and regulation by, this Commission, to extend electric service to the property. WBI Energy requests Montana-Dakota to provide the Refinery and related facilities with temporary and permanent electric service at the point located as stated in the Application.

WBI Energy further states that electric service will be needed and has demanded service at said location for the reasons set forth in the Application herein. WBI Energy 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 service on or before March 1, 2013.

II.

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

WHEREFORE, the undersigned, being the customer involved herein, requests the entry of an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by the Commission, authorizing the Applicant to 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: 12-13-12



WBI Energy, Inc.