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From: Colleen Park <colleenp@ndna.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2013 9:17 AM
To: DeSaye, Cara G.; Fahn, Patrick J.
Subject: RE: PU-13-272 & PU-13-273 Notice of Opportunity for Consolidated Hearing

Received.
I will schedule beginning Thursday, July 18 & ending Monday July 22.

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**Colleen Park**  
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**From:** Fahn, Patrick J. [<mailto:pfahn@nd.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 12, 2013 2:02 PM  
**To:** [colleenp@ndna.com](mailto:colleenp@ndna.com)  
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Colleen  
North Dakota Newspaper Association

Please have the attached Notice of Opportunity for [Consolidated](#) Hearing published one time as a legal publication in the next issue of the ten daily newspapers.

Do not publish in the classifieds. Please run it as a "News Item Only" article as well.

The notice must be published once in each paper.

Send the bill to the Public Service Commission along with a tear sheet for billing purposes.

Please confirm via email that you received this request.

If you have any questions or cannot open the files, please call or email me.

Thank You

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU  
Resources Group, Inc.  
345 kV Transmission Line – Ellendale to SD Border  
Public Convenience and Necessity**

**Case No. PU-13-272**

**Otter Tail Power Company  
345 kV Transmission Line – Ellendale to SD Border  
Public Convenience and Necessity**

**Case No. PU-13-273**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSOLIDATED HEARING**

**July 10, 2013**

On June 3, 2013 Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a 345 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities from the South Dakota border to a new substation to be constructed near Ellendale, North Dakota. Also on June 3, 2013, Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a 345 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities from the South Dakota border to a new substation to be constructed near Ellendale, North Dakota. These applications are for the North Dakota segment of a proposed regional transmission line from Ellendale, North Dakota to Big Stone, South Dakota.

Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law and fact, the Commission has consolidated the two cases under North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-04-04.

The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Whether public convenience and necessity will be served by construction and operation of the facilities.
2. Whether each of the applicants is fit, willing, and able to provide service.

Those interested are invited to comment on the applications in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceedings and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearing must be received by **August 19, 2013**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400, or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or braille materials please notify the Commission.

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