

October 18, 2013

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



RE: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s and Otter Tail Power Company's Application for a Corridor Certificate and a Route Permit for a 345-kV transmission line and associated facilities in Dickey County, North Dakota and Application for Waiver of Procedures and Time Schedules

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (Montana-Dakota) and Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail Power) jointly submit an Application for a Corridor Certificate and Route Permit for a 345-kV transmission line and associated facilities pursuant to N.D.C.C. §49-22-08 and §49-22-08.1 as well as an Application for a Waiver of Procedures and Time Schedules pursuant to §49-22-07.2.

An original and ten copies of this Application for a Corridor Certificate and Route Permit to construct approximately 10 miles of 345 kV electric transmission line in Dickey County and a 345 kV interconnection substation at Ellendale, North Dakota as part of the Big Stone South to Ellendale MISO Multi Value Project (Big Stone South to Ellendale MVP) and an Application for a Waiver of Procedures and Time Schedules has been delivered to the Commission on this date.

Please refer all inquiries regarding this filing to:

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*Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company  
Big Stone South to Ellendale Project 345 kV Transmission Line*

Also, please send copies of all written inquiries, correspondence and pleadings to:

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A check payable to the North Dakota Public Service Commission in the amount of \$100,000 is enclosed pursuant to N.D.C.C. §49-22-22.f. A map suitable for publication is contained on the enclosed CD.

Sincerely,



Tamie A. Aberle  
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosure

Cc: Dickey County Auditors Office  
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