

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

**Montana-Dakota Utilities/ Otter Tail Power Co.**  
**345 kV Transmission Line- Dickey County**  
**Siting Application**

**Case No. PU-13-840**

**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED AND REGULAR MAIL**

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **6<sup>th</sup>** day of **November, 2015**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

**Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Henry Ford  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
400 North Fourth Street  
Bismarck, ND 58501  
**Cert. No. 7015 0640 0006 6433 4346**

Dean Pawlowski  
Otter Tail Power Company  
215 South Cascade Street  
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496  
**Cert. No. 7015 0640 0006 6433 4377**

**Geralyn R. Schmaltz** further deposes and says that on the **6<sup>th</sup>** day of **November, 2015**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **three** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Daniel Kuntz  
MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
PO Box 5650  
Bismarck, ND 58506-5650

Jennifer Smestad  
Otter Tail Power Company  
215 South Cascade Street  
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496

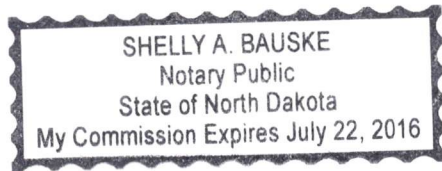
Pete Beithon  
Manager, Regulatory Recovery  
PO Box 496  
Fergus Falls, MN 58538-0496

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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of **November, 2015**.

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*[Handwritten Signature]*

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Notary Public

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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

**November 4, 2015**

On July 10, 2014, the Commission issued Corridor Certificate No. 154 and Route Permit No. 166 to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. and Otter Tail Power Company (Applicants) authorizing approximately 11 miles of 345 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities from a new Ellendale 345 kV substation to the South Dakota Border in Dickey County. This is the North Dakota portion of an Ellendale to Big Stone project.

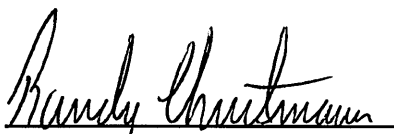
On September 29, 2015, Applicants filed an application for amended corridor certificate and route permit, requesting minor corridor and route modifications in sections 9 & 10 of Ellendale Township T129N, R63W and in Section 32 of Van Meter Township T129N, R62W as shown on the attached map. The Commission finds the amendment application complete. The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

Those interested are invited to comment 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 **December 8, 2015**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

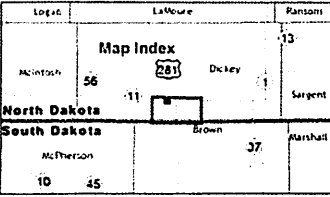
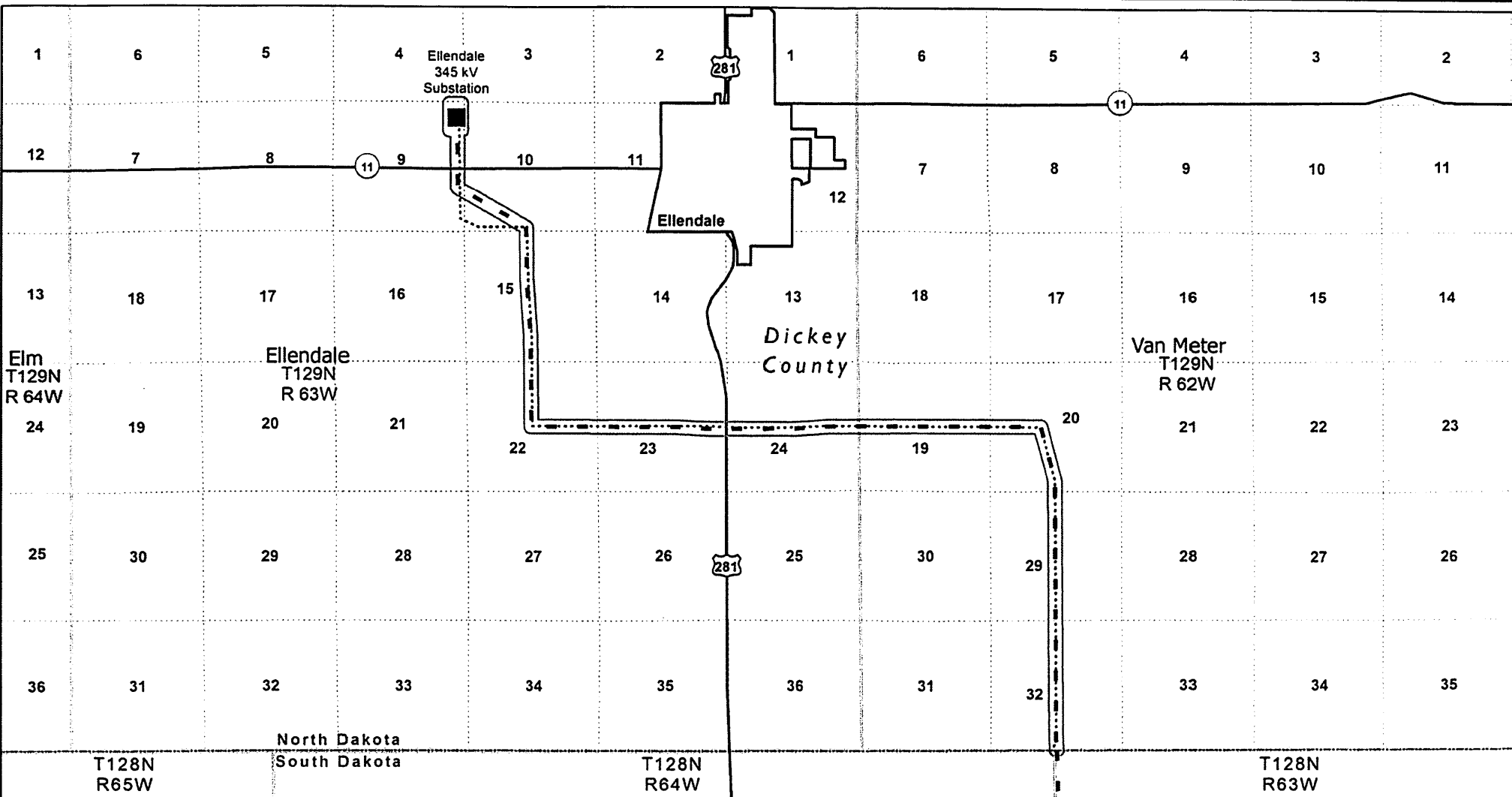
For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
**Randy Christmann  
Commissioner**

  
**Julie Fedorchak  
Chairman**

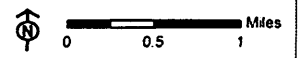
  
**Brian P. Kalk  
Commissioner**



Data Source: NDDOT 2012

- North Dakota Permitted Route
- - - North Dakota Amended Route
- █ Project End Point
- Highway
- ▭ North Dakota Amended Corridor

North Dakota Facility Overview  
Big Stone South to Ellendale  
345 kV Transmission Line Project



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