

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 REGULAR AND ELECTRONIC 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 **6th day of November, 2015**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **3** envelopes by first class mail, fully prepaid and **43** addressees electronically mailed a copy of:

Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

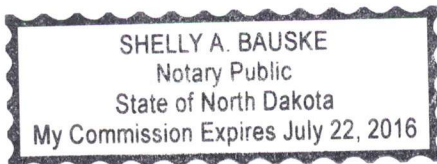
The envelopes and electronic mails respectively were addressed as follows:

See attached list.

Each post office address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address and each email address is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable electronic mailing address.

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

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Geralyn R. Schmaltz

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Notary Public

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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.

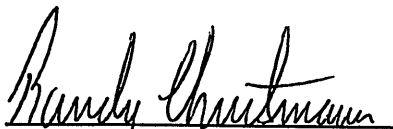
On September 29, 2015, Applicants filed an application for amended corridor certificate and route permit, requesting minor corridor and route modifications in sections 9 & 10 of Ellendale Township T129N, R63W and in Section 32 of Van Meter Township T129N, R62W as shown on the attached map. The Commission 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.


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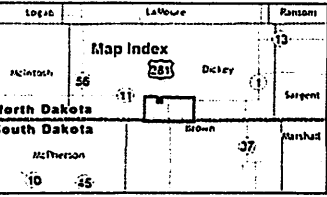
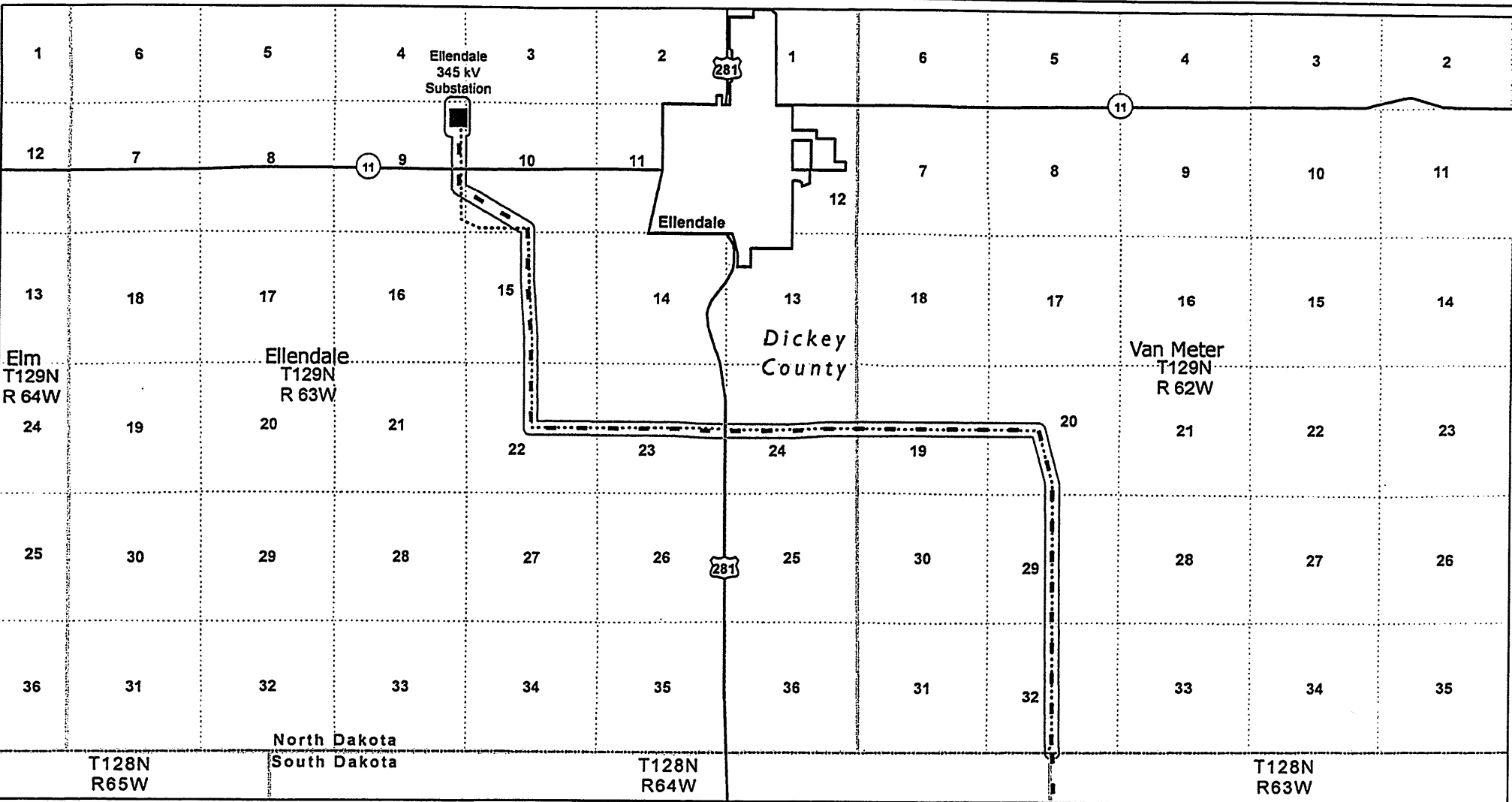
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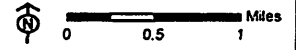


Data Source: NDDOT 2012

- North Dakota Permitted Route
- - - North Dakota Amended Route
- North Dakota Amended Corridor

- Project End Point
- Highway

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



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