STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. / Otter Tail Power Company **Case No. PU-13-840**
345 kV Transmission Line- Dickey County
Siting Application

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 **18th** day of **December, 2015,** she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

Supplemental Order

And Original Copy of

First Amended Route Permit Number 166
First Amended Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 154

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Henry Ford
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
400 North Fourth Street
Bismarck, ND 58501
Cert. No. 7015 0640 0006 6433 2076

Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **18th** day of **December, 2015,** she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **four** 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

Dean Pawlowski
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

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

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **18th** day of **December, 2015.**

SEAL

SHELLY A. BAUSKE
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires July 22, 2016

Notary Public

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SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

December 16, 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.

On November 4, 2015 the Commission found the application complete and issued a Notice of Opportunity for hearing, which provided until December 8, 2015 for receiving written comments or hearing requests. No response was received. The notice identified the following issues to be considered:

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?

On November 27, 2015 the North Dakota Department of Health comments stating that it believes environmental impacts from the proposed construction will be minor and can be controlled by proper construction methods.

No impact is anticipated on any exclusion or avoidance area. The State Historical Society of North Dakota reviewed the proposed reroutes and concurred with a determination of no historic properties affected.

The location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities will produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota.

The proposed facilities are compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources.

The proposed facility locations will 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.

The proposed project is of such design, location, and purpose that it will produce minimal adverse effects.

Order

The Commission Orders First Amended Certificate of Corridor Compatibility No. 154 and First Amended Route Permit No. 166 are issued to Applicants authorizing the proposed route and corridor modifications.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Randy Christmann **Commissioner**	**Julie Fedorchak** **Chairman**	**Brian P. Kalk** **Commissioner**

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First Amended Route Permit Number 166

This is to certify that the Commission has designated a transmission facility route for Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. and Otter Tail Power Company for a 345 kV electric transmission line and associate facilities extending approximately nine miles from a new Ellendale 345 kV substation to the South Dakota.

This permit is issued in accordance with the Orders of this Commission dated July 10, 2014 and December 16, 2015 in Case No. PU-13-840 and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in those Orders.

Bismarck, North Dakota, December 16, 2015.

ATTEST: ***PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION***

Executive Secretary ***Commissioner***

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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First Amended Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 154

This is to certify that the Commission has designated a transmission facility corridor for Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. and Otter Tail Power Company for a 345 kV electric transmission line and associate facilities extending approximately nine miles from a new Ellendale 345 kV substation to the South Dakota Border.

This certificate is issued in accordance with the Orders of this Commission dated July 10, 2014 and December 16, 2015 in Case No. PU-13-840 and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in those Orders.

Bismarck, North Dakota, December 16, 2015.

ATTEST: ***PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION***

Executive Secretary ***Commissioner***