

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. / Otter Tail Power Company
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 **18th day of December, 2015**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **3** envelopes by first class mail, fully prepaid and **46** addressees electronically mailed a copy of:

Supplemental Order

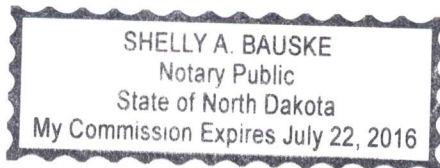
The envelopes and electronic mails respectively were addressed as follows:

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 **18th day of December, 2015**.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geralyn R. Schmaltz", written over a horizontal line.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shelly A. Bauske", written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the text "Notary Public" is printed.

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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.

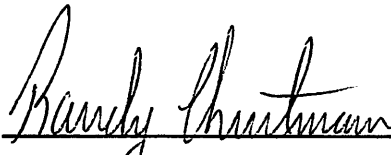
The proposed facility locations will minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion.

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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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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

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First Amended Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 154

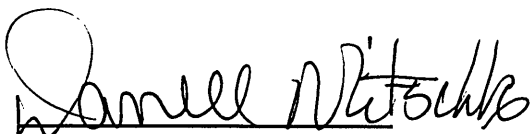
This is to certify that the Commission has designated a transmission facility corridor for Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. and Otter Tail Power Company for a 345 kV electric transmission line and associate facilities extending approximately nine miles from a new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



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