

**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

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

October 4, 2017

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 June 6, 2017 and September 6, 2017, Applicants filed consolidated applications for second amended corridor certificate and route permit, requesting minor corridor and route modifications from transmission line structures 29 to 32 in section 20 of Van Meter Township (T129N, R62W) in Dickey County, as shown on the attached map. The Commission finds the consolidated amendment applications 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 November 10, 2017.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

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