

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

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Geralyn R. Schmaltz deposes and says that:

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- **Notice of Filing and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

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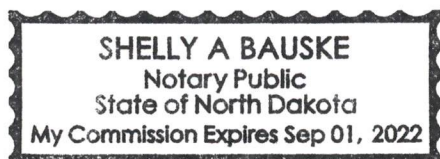
Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **6th** day of **October, 2017**.

*Geralyn R. Schmaltz*

*Shelly A. Bauske*  
Notary Public

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**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.

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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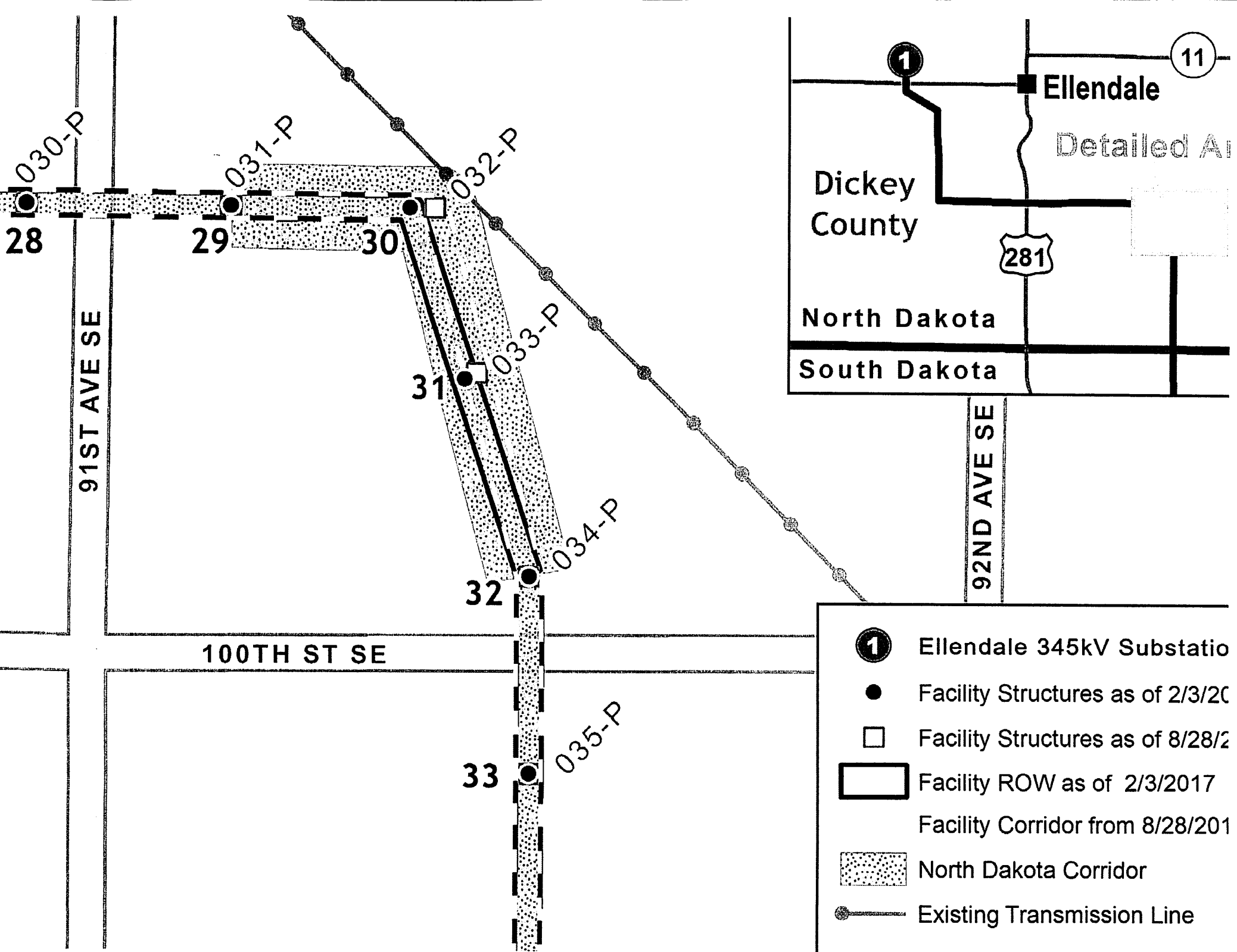
**Brian Kroshus  
Commissioner**



**Randy Christmann  
Chairman**



**Julie Fedorchak  
Commissioner**



- 1** Ellendale 345kV Substation
- Facility Structures as of 2/3/20
- Facility Structures as of 8/28/2
- ▭ Facility ROW as of 2/3/2017
- ▭ Facility Corridor from 8/28/201
- ▨ North Dakota Corridor
- Existing Transmission Line