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Weekly Update for October 21 to October 27, 2017

To: Jerry Lein
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Montana-Dakota Utilities Co's & Otter Tail Power Company's Big Stone South to Ellendale 345KV Transmission Line Project in Dickey County, ND Case No. PU 13-840 Notice of Ellendale 345kV Substation Construction weekly update from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Email update #9)

Dear Mr. Lein:

This past week our contractor (Scherbenske, Inc.) completed placement of Class 5 material for the top grade. They also worked to complete the side slopes and ditches topsoil preparation for seeding. Substation components are being shipped to site sporadically, but traffic on roadways should be minimal until final rock cover is placed over site next year after foundation work is complete. The next phase of construction will be working on foundations and erection of structures within the footprint of the gravel pad.

Next week activities are expected to consist of: final walkthrough of site with contractor and anticipated hydroseeding for temporary stabilization of all non-gravel areas. This late hydroseeding is intended to allow germination in spring (creating final cover) and to stabilize areas until germination.

As they relate to the PSC order and Substation construction: no safety issues, no property damage issues, no complaints, no public roadway issues, no environmental or cultural issues were encountered or brought to our attention.

Thank you and if you have any further questions about substation construction activities, feel free to contact me at:

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