

April 11, 2014

Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol – Department 408
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Case No. PU-14-141
Application for Permanent Authority to
Extend Service to Des Lacs National
Wildlife Refuge at Kenmare, North
Dakota

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith respectfully submits an original and one copy of an Application for Permanent Authority to extend electric service to Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge at a location in the SW ¼ NW ¼ Section 19, Township 160N, Range 88W, Ward County, North Dakota.

Please acknowledge receipt by stamping or initialing the duplicate copy of this letter attached hereto and returning the same in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely,



Tamie A. Aberle
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures
cc/enc.

Burke-Divide Electric Cooperative
Ken Callahan –Williston Office

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

In the Matter of the Application)
of MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.,)
a Division of MDU Resources Group,)
Inc., for an Order and Certificate to)
Extend Service to Des Lacs National)
Wildlife Refuge at Kenmare,)
North Dakota)

Case No. PU-14-141

APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT AUTHORITY

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., for its Application to the Public Service Commission of North Dakota, respectfully alleges:

I.

The full name of Applicant is Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., and the post office address of its principal office is 400 North Fourth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501. Applicant is a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of and regulation by the Public Service Commission of North Dakota, under Title 49, N.D.C.C., as amended. MDU Resources Group, Inc.'s Certificate of Incorporation is incorporated herein by reference, and the Commission is requested to take official notice of the same.

II.

This Application is made pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 49-03, N.D.C.C., as amended, and the Rules of Practice and Procedure promulgated by the Commission.

III.

Application has been requested by Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge, hereinafter

referred to as "Customer," to provide electric service to it at a point located in the SW ¼ NW ¼ Section 19, Township 160N, Range 88W, Ward County, North Dakota as shown on the map attached hereto, marked Exhibit A, and made a part hereof by reference. Customer will need electric service in April 2014. Correspondence to the Customer should be directed to:

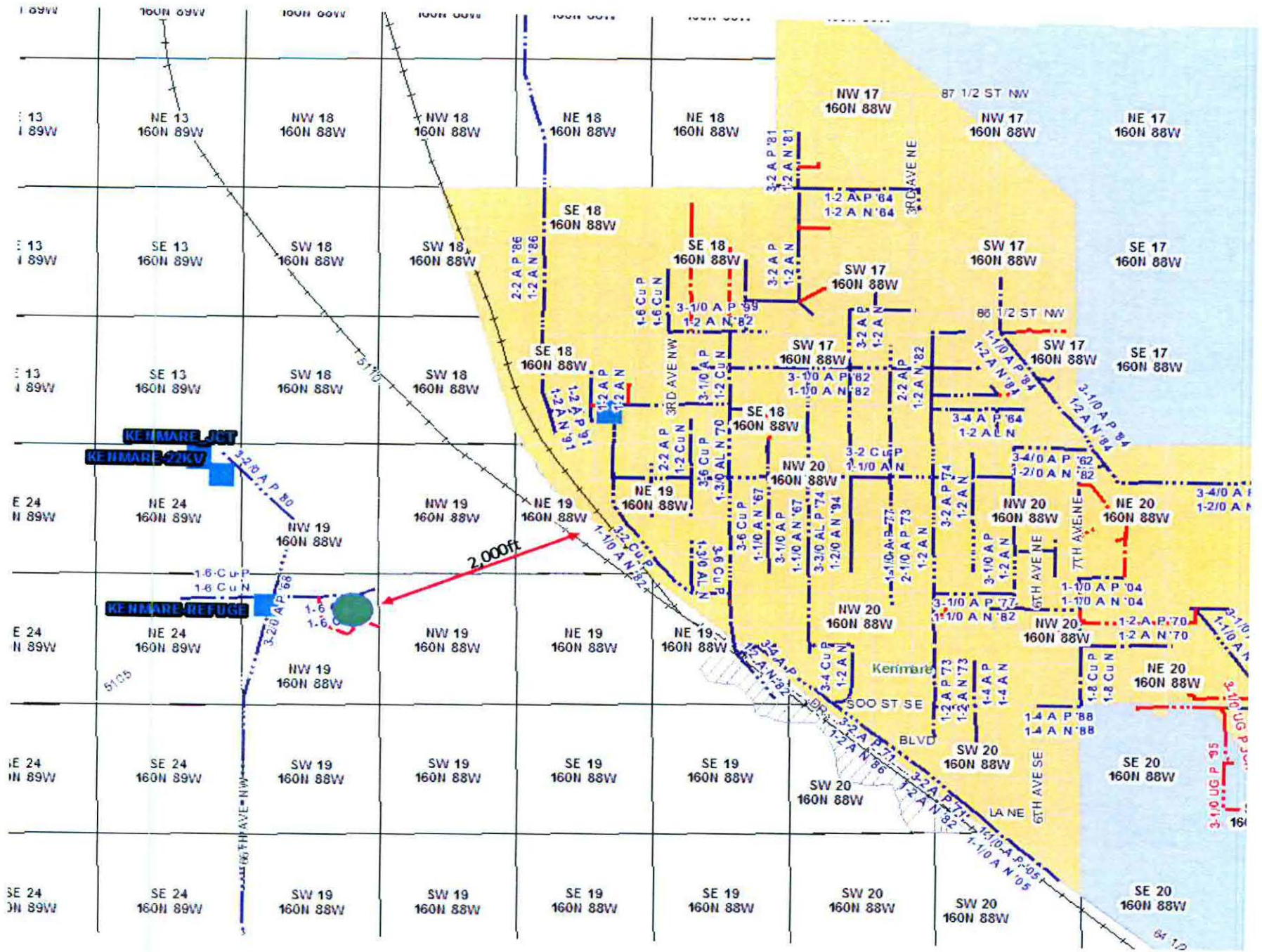
Dec Lacs National Wildlife Refuge
42000 NW 520th Street
Kenmare, ND 58734

IV.

The service required by Customer at said location is underground single phase service, and the length of the extension will be approximately 180 feet, as shown by Exhibit A. The location of the proposed service is within the economic service area of Applicant and service will be extended under the provisions of the rules and regulations applicable thereto. It is Applicant's public utility obligation to furnish the requested service, and the public convenience and necessity requires, and will be served by, Applicant furnishing the requested service to this Customer at said location. The Temporary Authority Permit is attached as Exhibit B.

V.

Submitted as Exhibit C with this Application is an Appearance by Customer herein, in which Customer states to the Commission that it desires electric service from Applicant as a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of, and regulation by, this Commission. In said Appearance, Customer also waives Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and Notice of Hearing upon this Application, or a hearing thereon, and requests the Commission to issue an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing this requested





TEMPORARY AUTHORITY PERMIT
 NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 PUBLIC UTILITIES
 SFN 50560 (6-98)

Date March 31, 2014	Time 3:00	<input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> p.m.	Name of Utility Montana-Dakota Utilities	Telephone Number 701-572-1620
Name of Person Calling Ken Callahan			Name of Coop Serving Burke-Divide Coopertive	
Name of Customer Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge		Location Sec NW 19 Twp 160N R 88W		
Address 42000 NW 520TH ST			County Ward	
City Kenmare			State ND	Zip Code 58734
Name of Nearest City Kenmare			Distance to the City 2000 feet	
When will service be extended? April 21, 2014		Type of Service <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Grain Bin <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Single Phase</u>		
Extension Length to Most Economical Point of Service Utility: 180ft Coop: 1/2 mile +		Extension <input type="checkbox"/> Overhead <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Underground		
Has customer signed request for service? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Will cooperative protest application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Name of Person Contacted (PSC Use)		Date of Contact (PSC Use)	Time (PSC Use) <input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m.	
Estimated Cost of Extension \$960		Estimated Revenue \$1,200		
Under what rate filed with the Public Service Commission will customer be served? Rate 10				
Will extension cross over coop lines? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Will extension cross over railroad tracks? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Temporary Authority Authorized By <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> Letter		Date Authorized 4/2/14		
Authorized By (Name of Commissioner) <i>Julie Ledachak</i>				

Extension must be made from most economical point of service.

Comments:
 Des Lacs has requested MDU serve his new facilities, we are 180 feet away. We currently serve three buildings at this location. Joel Janorschke from Burke-Divide has agreed that MDU should serve this customer.

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Case No. _____

APPEARANCE BY CUSTOMER

Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge

hereinafter referred to as "Customer", hereby makes a voluntary appearance in this matter and states the following to the Commission:

I.

That he (it) desires electric service from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. as a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of, and regulation by, this Commission, and has requested said public utility to provide him (it) with immediate electric service at the point located as stated in the Application herein.

That customer further states that he (it) is in need of and has demanded immediate service at said location for the reasons set forth in the Application herein. Customer waives notice of opportunity for hearing and notice of hearing upon said Application, or a hearing thereon, and requests the Commission to issue an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing this requested and needed service, and that provisions be made therein authorizing extension of immediate service.

II.

That all the allegations of the Application herein are true and correct.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned, being the Customer involved herein, requests the entry of an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by the Commission, authorizing the Applicant to immediately extend the requested and needed service to Customer at said location, subject to such appropriate and proper conditions to be appended to and made a part of such Temporary Order and Certificate as the Commission may determine, said Temporary Order and Certificate to become final as may be set forth in the conditions appended thereto; and for such other and further relief as may be proper in the premises.

Dated: 2/27/14

James J. [Signature] Acting Refuge Manager
(Customer)