



UTILITIES CO.
A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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July 25, 2014

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

RE: Case No. PU-14-614
Application for Permanent Authority to
Extend Service to Northern Plains
Cooperative at Strasburg, 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 Northern Plains Cooperative at a location in the SW ¼ SE ¼ Section 22, Township 131N, Range 76W, Emmons 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tamie A. Aberle'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Tamie A. Aberle
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures
cc/enc. KEM Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Don Bohle –Mobridge 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,) Case No. PU-14-614
Inc., for an Order and Certificate to)
Extend Service to Northern Plains Cooperative)
at Strasburg, North Dakota)

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 Northern Plains Cooperative, hereinafter referred to as "Customer," to provide electric service to it at a point located in the SW ¼

SE ¼ Section 22, Township 131N, Range 76W, Emmons 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 upon approval. Correspondence to the Customer should be directed to:

Northern Plains Cooperative
998 Main Street
Strasburg, ND 58573

IV.

The service required by Customer at said location is overhead single phase service and three phase underground service. The length of the extension will be approximately 3,960 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 and needed service.



TEMPORARY AUTHORITY PERMIT
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
PUBLIC UTILITIES
 SFN 50560 (6-96)

Date 7-15-14	Time 1:00	<input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> p.m.	Name of Utility Montana Dakota Utilities	Telephone Number 605-845-3617
Name of Person Calling Don Bohle			Name of Coop Serving KEM	
Name of Customer Northern Plains Coop		Location Sec 22 SE Twp 131 N R 76 W		
Address corner of hwy 83 & 88th St			County Emmons	
City Strasburg		State ND	Zip Code 58573	
Name of Nearest City Strasburg			Distance to the City .5 mi	
When will service be extended? upon approval		Type of Service <input type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Grain Bin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>grain elevator</u>		
Extension Length to Most Economical Point of Service Utility: .75 mi Coop: ?		Extension <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Overhead <input type="checkbox"/> Underground		
Has customer signed request for service? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Will cooperative protest application? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 \$30,495		Estimated Revenue		
Under what rate filed with the Public Service Commission will customer be served? <i>rate 30</i>				
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter		Date Authorized <i>7/22/14</i>		
Authorized By (Name of Commissioner) <i>Julie Fedorchak</i>				

Extension must be made from most economical point of service.

Comments:
 will add two phases to an existing single phase overhead line from the Strasburg substation to 88th St and then burying three phases to the West side of hwy 83

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APPEARANCE BY CUSTOMER

CHS Inc dba Northern Plains Cooperative

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, prays for 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: 6/11/14

CHS^{Inc} / Northern Plains

(Customer)