

September 19, 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-____
Application for an Order and Certificate to
Extend Service to Fidelity Exploration and
Production Company's Deborah &
Norken Well Sites located east of South
Heart, 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 Fidelity Exploration and Production Company at the Deborah 17-20H well and the Norken 17-20H well in the NW ¼ of Section 17, Township 139N, Range 97W, Stark 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. Roughrider Electric Cooperative
Dan Kuntz
Jacob Zettel

**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) Case No. PU-14-____
Extend Service to Fidelity Exploration)
and Production Company's Deborah &)
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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 Fidelity Exploration and Production Company, hereinafter referred to as "Customer," to provide electric service to two points located in the NW ¼ of Section 17, Township 139N, Range 97W, Stark County, North Dakota referred to as the Deborah and Norken well sites as shown on the map attached hereto, marked Exhibit A, and made a part hereof by reference. Correspondence to the Customer should be directed to:

Fidelity Exploration & Production Company
Attn: James Thielman
2010 Montana Ave
Glendive, MT 59330

IV.

The service required by Customer at said location is three phase service, and the length of the three phase line extension to the Deborah Well Site is approximately 5,200 feet with an additional 1,200 foot extension of that line required to reach the Norken Well Site as shown on Exhibit A. Roughrider Electric Cooperative (Roughrider Electric) is an electric supplier also providing electric service within the general area of this Customer. Montana-Dakota's extension of its three phase underground service does not cross Roughrider Electric's facilities to provide service to the customer, whereas it is Montana-Dakota's understanding that Roughrider Electric would need to cross railroad tracks and the Heart River to provide service at this location. Roughrider Electric was notified of the Company's request for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by copy of this Application. 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. Montana-Dakota will submit a separate request for the Commission's temporary authority to provide the requested electric service.


V.

Submitted as Exhibit B 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.

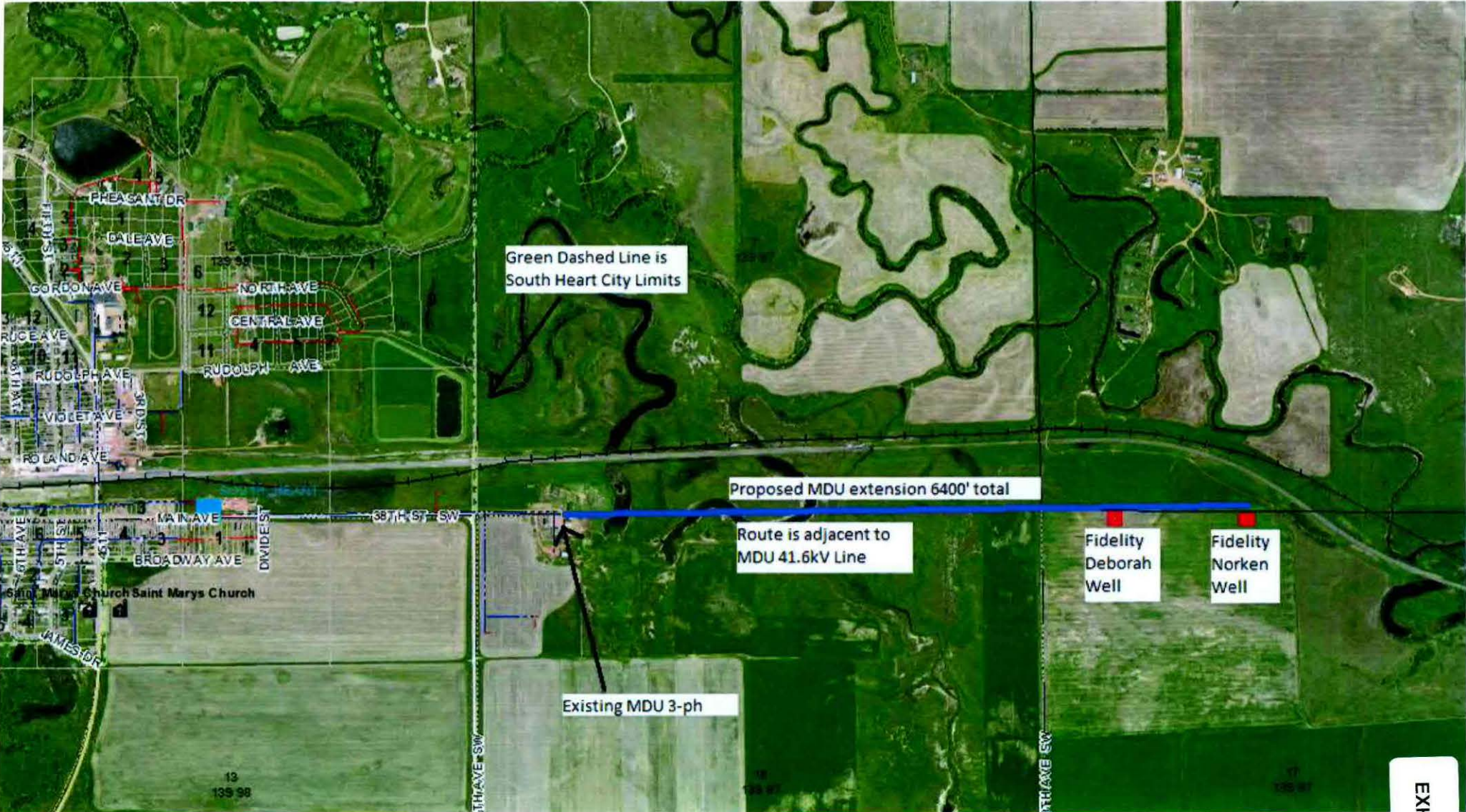
VI.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests the entry of an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Applicant to extend the requested and needed service to Customer.

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.
a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

By: 

Tamie A. Aberle
Director – Regulatory Affairs



Green Dashed Line is South Heart City Limits

Proposed MDU extension 6400' total

Route is adjacent to MDU 41.6kV Line

Existing MDU 3-ph

Fidelity Deborah Well

Fidelity Norken Well

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APPEARANCE BY CUSTOMER

Fidelity Exploration and Production Company

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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.

Well Name: Norken 17-204

Dated: 8/28/2014

Fidelity Exploration + Production Company
(Customer)

By: James Shelton

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Well Name: Deborah 17-20 H

Dated: 8/28/2014

Fidelity Exploration & Production Company
(Customer)
By: James Steilman