

December 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-14-830  
Application for Permanent Authority to  
Extend Service to Burlington Northern  
Santa Fe at McKenzie, 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 Burlington Northern Santa Fe at a location in Section 34, Township 139N, Range 77W, Burleigh County, North Dakota.

The Company recognizes this service is directly related to the Capital Electric Cooperative's appeal pending in Case No. PU-13-871 and is willing to delay a Commission decision until that case is resolved.

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. Capital Electric Cooperative  
Craig Lohstreter – Bismarck 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 Burlington Northern )  
Santa Fe at McKenzie, North Dakota )

Case No. PU-14-830

**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 Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), hereinafter referred to as "Customer," to provide electric service to it at a point located in

Section 34, Township 139N, Range 77W, Burleigh 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 December 2014 for a track heater and bungalow shack for the railroad spur line serving Menard. Correspondence to the Customer should be directed to:

Burlington Northern Santa Fe  
80 44<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55421

IV.

The service required by Customer at said location is single phase underground service starting at a transformer located on the Menards site, and extending approximately 1,250 feet to the east Menard property line. From that point single phase overhead primary line will extend approximately 2,500 feet east on BNSF right of way to the BNSF service point 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.

VI.

The extension will not cross any railroad tracks.

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 on a permanent basis.

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

By: Tamie A. Aberle  
Tamie A. Aberle  
Director – Regulatory Affairs

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA     )  
  )ss.  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH     )

Tamie A. Aberle, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that she is the Director of Regulatory Affairs of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., the Applicant herein, and makes this verification on its behalf; that she has read the foregoing Application and knows the contents thereof, and that the statements made and contained therein are true and correct to the best of her information, knowledge, and belief.

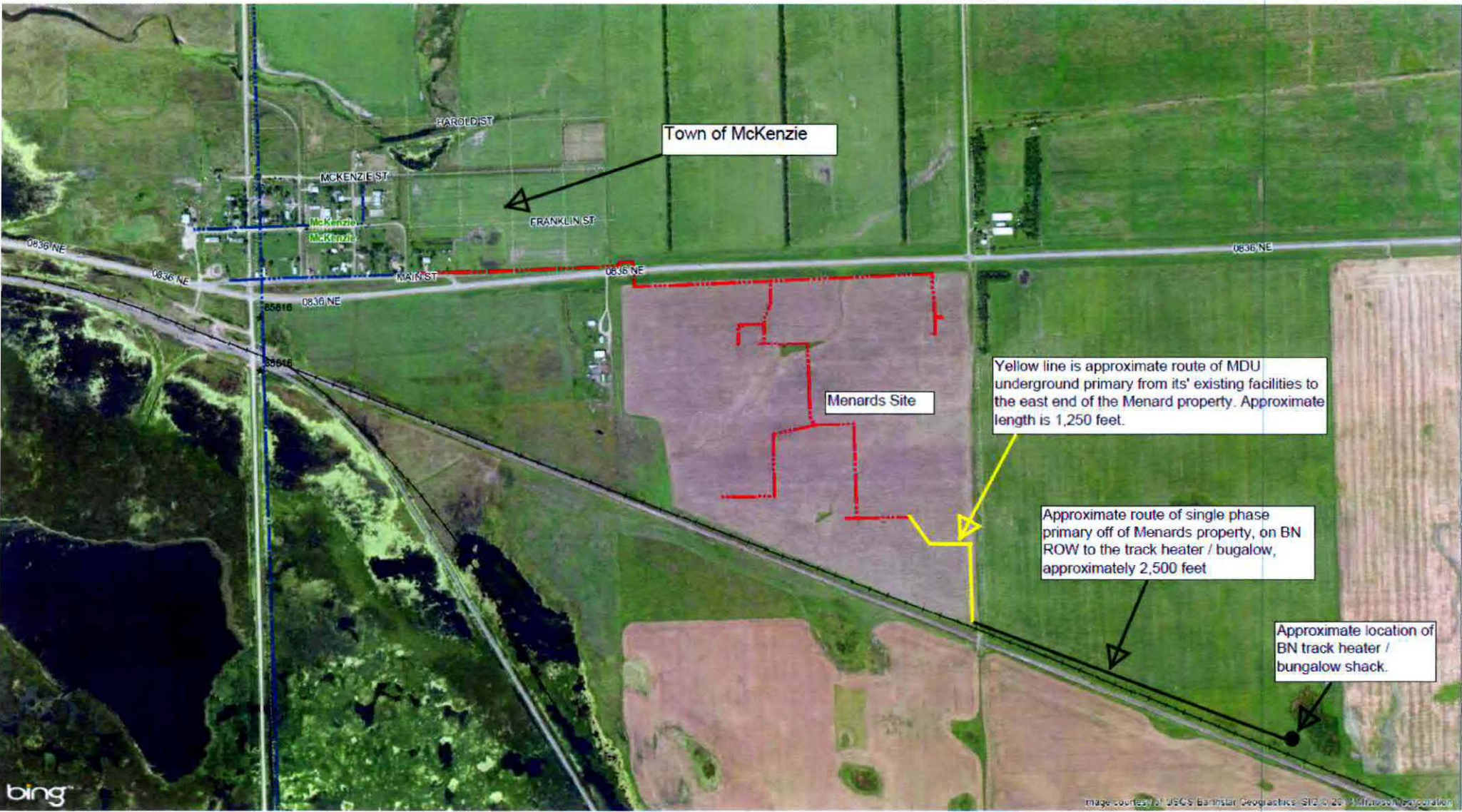
Tamie A. Aberle  
Tamie A. Aberle

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2014.

Caitlin Straabe  
Caitlin Straabe, Notary Public  
Burleigh County, North Dakota  
My Commission Expires: 08/28/2019

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Town of McKenzie

Menards Site

Yellow line is approximate route of MDU underground primary from its' existing facilities to the east end of the Menard property. Approximate length is 1,250 feet.

Approximate route of single phase primary off of Menards property, on BN ROW to the track heater / bugalow, approximately 2,500 feet

Approximate location of BN track heater / bungalow shack.



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

EXHIBIT B

Date 11-24-2014	Time 1:00	<input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> p.m.	Name of Utility Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	Telephone Number 701-224-5815
Name of Person Calling Craig Lohstrefer			Name of Coop Serving Capital Electric Cooperative	
Name of Customer Burlington Northern Santa Fe		Location Sec 34 Twp 139N R 77W		
Address 80 44th Avenue NE			County Burleigh	
City Minneapolis			State MN	Zip Code 55421
Name of Nearest City McKenzie			Distance to the City Approximately 6,500 Feet	
When will service be extended? December 2014		Type of Service <input type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Storage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grain Bin <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
Extension Length to Most Economical Point of Service Utility: 3,750Ft. Coop: 4,390 Ft.		Extension Both, underground on Menard's property, then overhead on BN ROW <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Undetermined		
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 \$30,682.00		Estimated Revenue Annual Revenue = \$816.00		
Under what rate filed with the Public Service Commission will customer be served? Small General Electric Service Rate 20				
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 12/5/14		
Authorized By (Name of Commissioner) <i>Julie Pedachak</i>				

Extension must be made from most economical point of service.

Comments:

BNSF has requested electric service to their new track heater / bungalow shack located approximately 2,500 feet east of Menards east property line. Starting at a transformer on the Menards site, MDU will extend single phase underground primary approximately 1,250 feet to the east Menards property line. From that point a single phase overhead primary line will extend approximately 2,500 feet east to the track heater / bungalow shack location. This track heater / bungalow shack is for the railroad spur line into Menards.

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**APPEARANCE BY CUSTOMER**

BNSF Railway

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: 2/20/14

  
(Customer)