



UTILITIES CO.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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November 19, 2015

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

RE: Case No. PU-15-721
Application for Permanent Authority to
Extend Service to BNSF Railway at New
Salem, 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 BNSF Railway at a location in the NW ¼ of Section 23, Township 139N, Range 86W, Morton 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'.

Tamie A. Aberle
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

cc/enc. Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Doug Wiseman –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 BNSF Railway)
at New Salem, North Dakota)

Case No. PU-15-721

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 BNSF Railway, hereinafter referred to as "Customer," to provide electric service to it at a point located in the NW ¼ of Section 23,

Township 139N, Range 86W, Morton 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 November 2015. Correspondence to the Customer should be directed to:

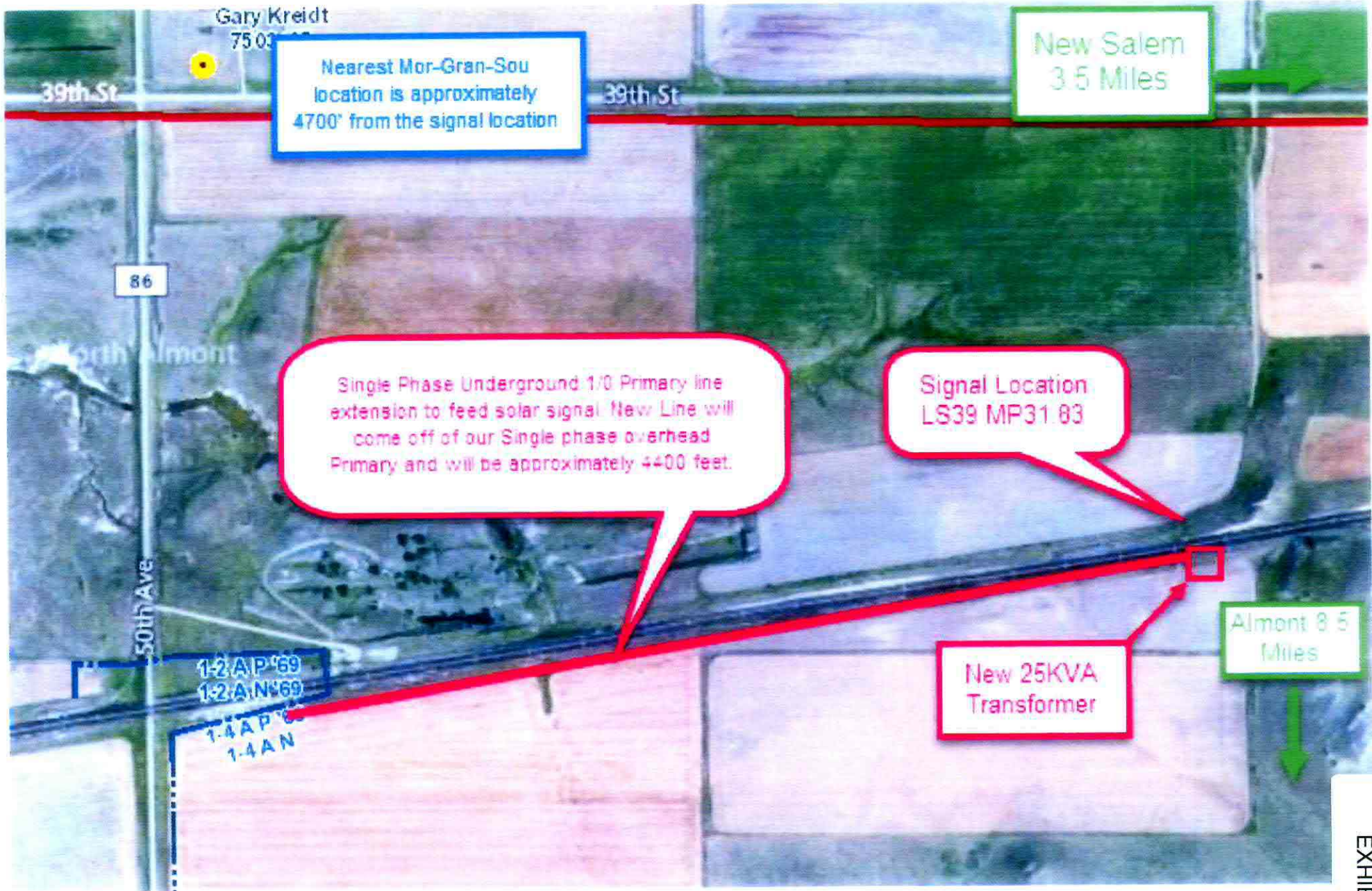
Burlington Northern Santa Fe
80 44th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55421

IV.

The service required by Customer at said location is single phase underground service, and the length of the extension will be approximately 4400 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.



Nearest Mor-Gran-Sou location is approximately 4700' from the signal location

New Salem 3.5 Miles

Single Phase Underground 1/0 Primary line extension to feed solar signal. New Line will come off of our Single phase overhead Primary and will be approximately 4400 feet.

Signal Location LS39 MP31.83

New 25KVA Transformer

Almost 8.5 Miles

86

50th Ave

1-2 A P '69
1-2 A N '69
1-4 A P '69
1-4 A N



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

PU-15-721

EXHIBIT B

Date 11/05/2015	Time 12:00 <input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> p.m.	Name of Utility Montana Dakota Utilities Co.	Telephone Number 701-224-5837
Name of Person Calling Doug Wiseman		Name of Coop Serving Mor-Gran-Sou	
Name of Customer BNSF Railway	Location Sec 23 Twp 139N R 86W		
Address East off of 50th Ave, North of Almont, ND		County Morton	
City Almont		State ND	Zip Code 58520
Name of Nearest City New Salem		Distance to the City 3.5 miles	
When will service be extended? Fall 2015	Type of Service <input type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Grain Bin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Signal</u>		
Extension Length to Most Economical Point of Service Utility: 4400' Coop: 4700'	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) Randy Ressler (Mor-Gran-Sou)	Date of Contact (PSC Use) via e-mail 11-05-2015	Time (PSC Use) 2:11	<input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> p.m.
Estimated Cost of Extension \$20,021	Estimated Revenue \$240.00 Annual		
Under what rate filed with the Public Service Commission will customer be served? 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter	Date Authorized November 10, 2015		
Authorized By (Name of Commissioner) <i>Randy Chutkan</i>			

Extension must be made from most economical point of service.

Comments:

Extend single phase underground primary to feed a BNSF Railway solar signal. MDU will come off the single phase overhead line along CTY RD 86 with single phase underground cable. MDU will be installing 1-25KVA pad-mounted transformer.
 Total project to cost approximately \$20,021. MDU will be using a two year revenue of \$480.00
 Customer will be providing the trench from the overhead pole to the new transformer and will be responsible for 100% of construction costs minus the \$480.00 in revenue.

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APPEARANCE BY CUSTOMER

William Striebal-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: 10-20-15



(Customer)