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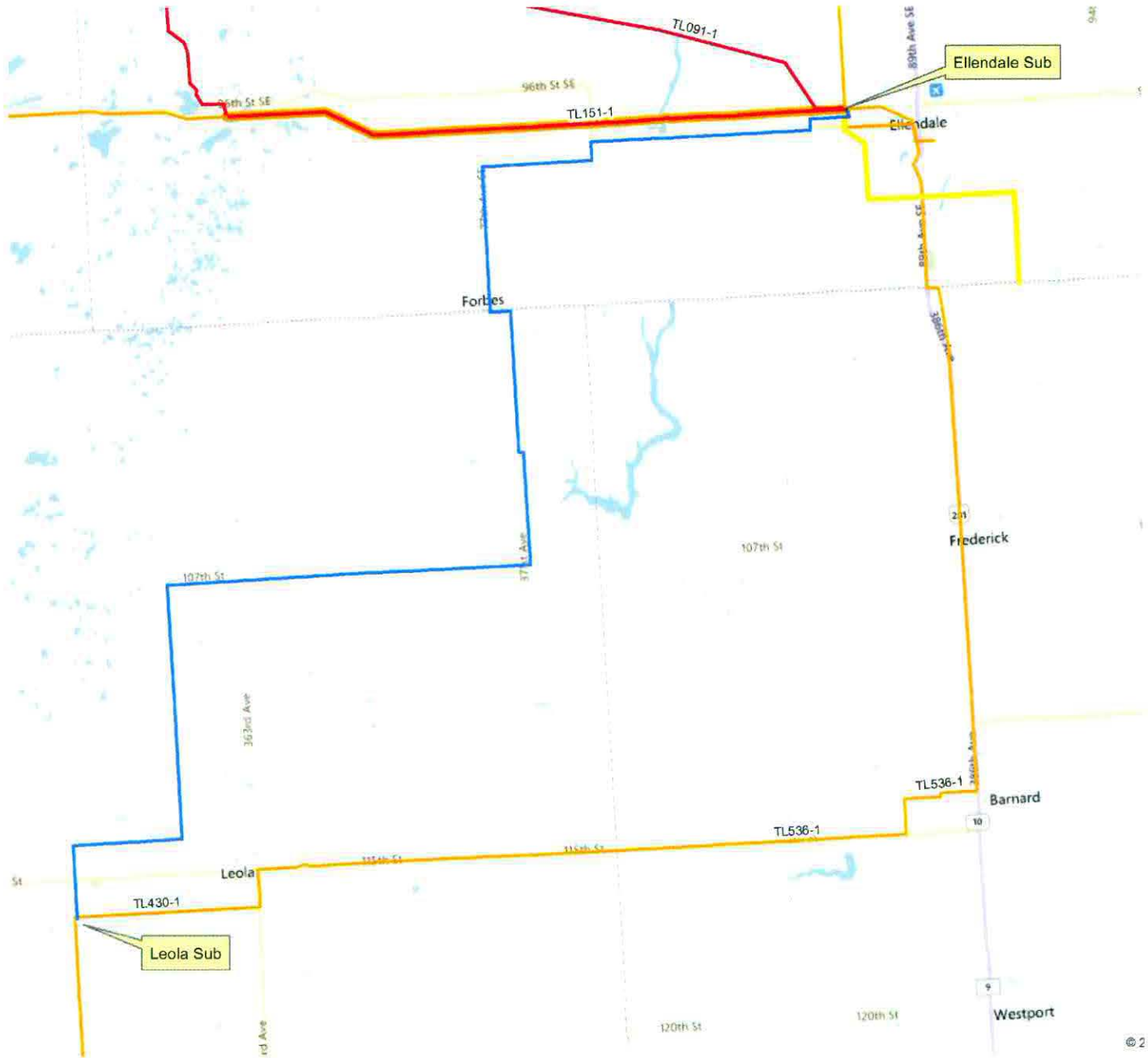
Re: Case No. PU-16-538
Revisions to Application for a Certificate
of Public Convenience & Necessity for a
115 kV Transmission Line From
Ellendale, North Dakota to the North
Dakota/South Dakota Border

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith submits revisions to its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct approximately 9 miles of 115 kV electric transmission line in North Dakota submitted on July 18, 2016 in the above referenced docket.

Subsequent to the submission of the July 18 Application, Montana-Dakota determined that an alternate route for the new 115 kV transmission line would better serve the project and result in a more efficient and economical route. The line will continue to interconnect with an existing substation located in Ellendale, North Dakota and interconnect with a new substation to be constructed near Leola, South Dakota that will interconnect with Montana-Dakota's existing sub-transmission system. The project will now result in 15 miles of 115 kV electric transmission line in North Dakota with a total of approximately 45 miles of 115 kV transmission line.

The 115 kV transmission line will continue to be located in Dickey County in North Dakota but will now run through McPherson County in South Dakota. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$17,200,000 with approximately \$5,000,000 of the investment located in North Dakota.

A revised map is provided below with the proposed new line shown in blue. The line now traverses westerly out of the Ellendale substation and runs in a more direct route through Forbes, North Dakota before crossing into South Dakota. The line between Ellendale and Forbes will be an overbuild of an existing 15 mile distribution line which is more efficient and economical than the original design.



Montana-Dakota respectfully requests approval of the revised request for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the 115 kV transmission line running from Ellendale, North Dakota to the South Dakota border.

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

Attachments
cc: Karl Liepitz