

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU
Resources Group, Inc.
115 kV Transmission Line – Dickey County
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-16-538

ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE

November 2, 2016

On July 18, 2016, Montana Dakota Utilities Co. a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate approximately fifteen miles of 115 kV electric transmission line from an existing substation at Ellendale to the South Dakota border. This is the North Dakota segment of a 40 mile Ellendale to Leola SD transmission project. MDU filed revisions to the application on August 31, 2016.

On September 7, 2016, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until October 11, 2016 for receiving written comments or requests for hearing. No response was received. The notice identified the following issues to be considered:

1. Whether public convenience and necessity will be served by construction and operation of the facilities.
2. Whether the applicant is fit, willing, and able to provide service.

MDU is a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation duly authorized to conduct business in North Dakota as a foreign corporation and is doing business in North Dakota as a public utility subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of this Commission. MDU is an experienced regional generation, transmission and distribution utility with the expertise and resources to construct and operate the proposed 115 kV transmission line. MDU is fit, willing and able to provide service.

This project will interconnect MDU's existing Ellendale substation to a new substation at Leola, South Dakota. The facilities will enhance system reliability and power quality while providing another power source into the area. Public convenience and necessity will be served by construction and operation of the facilities.

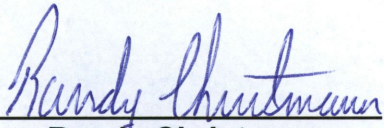

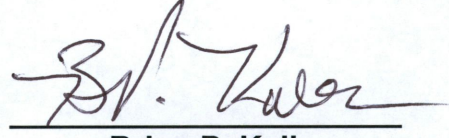
Order

The Commission Orders:

1. MDU's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity is GRANTED.

2. Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5895 is issued to MDU to construct and operate approximately fifteen miles 115 kV transmission line and associated facilities in Dickey County, North Dakota.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Randy Christmann Commissioner	Julie Fedorchak Chairman	Brian P. Kalk Commissioner

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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**Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
Certificate Number 5895**

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., to construct and operate approximately fifteen miles of 115 kV electric transmission line in Dickey County from an existing substation at Ellendale to the South Dakota border.

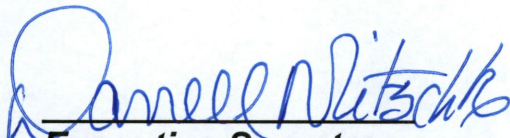
This certificate is issued in accordance with the Order of this Commission dated November 2, 2016 in Case No. PU-16-538, and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in the Order.

This certificate is conditioned upon Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.

Bismarck, North Dakota, November 2, 2016.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Executive Secretary



Commissioner