

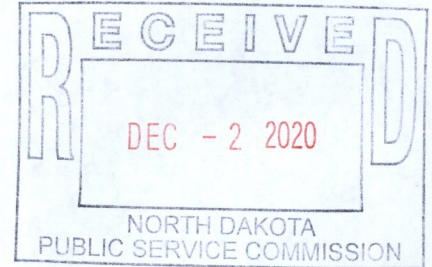


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Re: Mandan to Ellendale Transmission System Upgrade Project
Exclusion and Avoidance Areas Evaluation Report
PROTECTED INFORMATION – PRIVATE
Case No. PU-20-342

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) herewith electronically submits the attached CONFIDENTIAL Exclusion and Avoidance Areas Evaluation Report (Report) as compiled by SWCA Environmental Consultants on behalf of Montana-Dakota marked as Exhibit A.

Montana-Dakota has also included an Application for Trade Secret Protection of the Report as it contains confidential cultural resource location information that is integral to performing the analyses and results presented in the Report but is not intended for public dissemination.

Sincerely,

/s/ Travis R. Jacobson

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Director of Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

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**Letter enclosing protected information - Exclusion
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