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**RE: Case No. PU-20-342**  
**Mandan to Ellendale Transmission System Upgrade**  
**Siting Exclusion Certification**

This letter is to acknowledge that MDU has filed documentation with the Commission regarding exclusion and avoidance areas that exist in the corridor of the Mandan to Ellendale Transmission System Upgrade. By its July 28, 2020, letter, MDU has certified that construction of the project will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance areas and no new environmental concerns will be created as a result of the upgrade.

Also, at the Commission's October 21, 2021, Informal Hearing, MDU testified that any project construction that has occurred in the past did not impact any exclusion or avoidance areas, and that MDU must acquire a permit from the federal government for the project crossing of the Missouri River.

Best regards,

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