

ND Public Service Commission  
Julie Fedorchak, Chair  
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Dear Julie,

My name is Tom Anseth. I was a witness at the hearing Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at the Mandan city Hall concerning the MDU power line. I know we mentioned it in mine and Scott's testimony, but I was taken back by the testimony by MR. Robert Frank head of MDU transmission. Mr. Frank lied under oath at least 4 times yesterday.

1. Mr. Frank said the land partial purchased in 2007 was 60 acres. It was not. I do not know the exact answer but I believe it is between 86 and 90 acres.
2. Mr. Frank said he and others looked for files of land sale documentation of agreements between MDU and adjacent land owners, and could not find any. I talked to Tony Stroh, retired Plant Manager of the Heskett station. Tony said there are files at Heskett, in MDU legal office, and MDU Right of way with copies of the original sale document which has a note on it saying it was purchased as a buffer from the Industrial lands around Heskett and surrounding neighbors to the north. Tony said there is other items in the file like news clipping of the sale, and lease document to the farmer to farm the land.
3. Mr. Frank told you Julie when you asked him when that section of line was complete and he said May 2020. We showed you a picture of linemen starting to install crossarms with no wire up yet taken in mid-June 2020 I would expect that part of the project was not complete until July.
4. Mr. Frank said the property in question was zoned agricultural but never cropped only hayed. I have lived next to the MDU property in question for 11 years and it has not been hayed ever in that time only cropped. Soybeans this year and corn, sunflowers, and wheat rotated in other years.

I hope Mr. Frank thought those were the correct answers to those question at the time, but they were not. He may not have meant to lie under oath, but he did. Weather he was truthful about other questions asked or information given, I do not know, but I would seriously question anything he said yesterday.

Your job as PSC Commissioners is hard enough making decisions based on true facts. It makes it almost impossible to make a correct decision based on information that is false.

Julie, you asked me yesterday if I had any ideas for resolution for this issue. I do not think spending \$250k to move the poles 20' would resolve anything. I do believe if MDU used the \$250k to help defer the cost of the current road project in the area of 37<sup>th</sup> Ave and Rockhaven Harbor Rd that would help to resolve relations between MDU and their neighbors.

Thank You for your time and your service to the Great State of North Dakota



Sincerely,  
Tom Anseth

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