

**Case Number:** PU-22-34

**Case Description:** Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. - 12-inch water pipeline project - Morton County

Analyst Initials:

<b>Original Dollar Value of Investment</b>	1,600,000.00
<b>Application Investment Amount</b>	-
<b>Total Investment</b>	<u>1,600,000.00</u>

Note: Email from company or docketed case files must be attached as support for Total Investment Amount

		<b>PSC Accounting use only:</b>
<b>Siting Application Fee</b>	10,000.00	7800 - 301 - 420260
<b>Siting Admin Fee*</b>	160.00	1400 - 510 - 464160
<b>Total Fees Due</b>	<u>10,160.00</u>	

\*Per NDCC 49.22.1-21 & 49-22-22, \$5000 for each \$1 million of original investment, not to exceed \$25,000

This form will be docketed in the case file after funds have been deposited by PSC Accounting.

### 1.3 Project Schedule

The proposed Project schedule is as follows:

- **Land Acquisition:** All land that is proposed to house Project facilities will be under long-term lease agreements allowing for construction and operation of the Project. Currently in process.
- **Certificate of Corridor Compatibility & Route Permit:** Montana-Dakota anticipates the Certificate and Route Permit would be issued by the Commission in early 2022.
- **Other Permits:** Montana-Dakota would acquire all other permits necessary for construction of the Project prior to conducting the work for which the permit is required. Please refer to **Table 15, Potential Permits/Approvals**, in **Section 7.0**.
- **Construction:** Project construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2022 and end in summer of 2022.
- **Testing Operations:** Project testing will be completed in summer 2022.
- **Commercial Operations:** Montana-Dakota plans to have the Project commercially operational by summer 2022.

### 1.4 Project Cost

The estimated total cost to construct the Project is approximately \$1.6 million.

### 1.5 Project Expansion

Montana-Dakota does not have any plans for addition or expansion at this time. However, should the need arise for expansion or addition to the proposed Project, Montana-Dakota would take appropriate actions to permit and site the expansion.

## 2.0 Need for Facility

### 2.1 Need Analysis

The need for the project is driven by safety concerns associated with firefighting operations and lack of adequate cooling capacity for the Montana-Dakota Heskett Station. The additional water would be utilized for firefighting activities and cooling operations on an as needed basis. Energy generated at the Heskett Station is transferred to the electrical grid, where it is then transferred to customers throughout the region.

### 2.2 Alternatives

Slight deviations from the existing alignment were evaluated as part of the Project and various factors influenced the location of the Project Corridor and Project Route. These factors included existing utilities, wetland locations, railroad or road crossing, and future proposed Montana-Dakota projects.