



January 24, 2023

Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
North Dakota State Capital
600 E. Boulevard Ave. Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Electric Service Agreement – Applied Block Chain – Ellendale Data Center
Case No. PU-22-371**

Dear Commissioners,

Applied Digital Corporation (“Applied”) is submitting this letter in support of the Montana-Dakota Utilities’ (“MDU”) application (PU-22-371) for approval of the Electric Services Agreement (“ESA”) for Applied’ s Ellendale Data Center. We are encouraged by the discussions between MDU and Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., but remain concerned about the timing associated with the overall regulatory process, including approval of the ESA, which is necessary for Applied to access the electricity rates upon which the project was sanctioned.


Applied has continued construction of the data center located 2 miles West of Ellendale, ND, and is on track to start operations as early as mid-February 2023. Applied has thus far hired six full time employees and is actively recruiting to fill another 15 roles over the coming weeks.

Below is a picture of the first three, of ten, data center buildings we expect to energize in February.



Applied appreciates the commissions efforts to consider the applications in a timely manner and look forward to continuing our growth in North Dakota.

Sincerely,


Wes Cummins

Chief Executive Officer, Applied Digital Inc.