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May 13, 2024

Mr. Steve Kahl  
Executive Secretary  
ND Public Service Commission  
600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: Application for Permanent Authority to Extend Service to Jeff Lauters, in  
Dawson, ND  
Case No. PU-24-167**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) respectfully submits the Application for Permanent Authority to extend electric service to Jeff Lauters for residence at a site located in Section 27, Tract 27-7, Township 139N, Range 72W in Kidder County, Dawson, North Dakota.

Montana-Dakota respectfully requests that this filing be accepted as being in full compliance with the filing requirements of this Commission.

Please contact Travis Jacobson at 701.222.7855 or [travis.jacobson@mdu.com](mailto:travis.jacobson@mdu.com) if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Travis R. Jacobson*

Travis R. Jacobson  
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

cc: Brendan Frost, Electric Field Operations Coordinator  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Jayden Veil, Industrial Services Manager  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

In the Matter of the Application            )  
of MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.        )  
for an Order and Certificate to Extend     )  
Service to Jeff Lauters at Dawson,        )  
North Dakota                                    )

Case No. PU-24-167

**APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT AUTHORITY**

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. for its Application to the Public Service Commission of North Dakota, respectfully alleges:

I.

The full name of Applicant is Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., and the post office address of its principal office is 400 North Fourth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501. Applicant is a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of and regulation by the Public Service Commission of North Dakota, under Title 49, N.D.C.C.

II.

This Application is made pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 49-03, N.D.C.C., as amended, and the Rules of Practice and Procedure promulgated by the Commission.

III.

Applicant has been requested by Jeff Lauters, hereinafter referred to as "Customer," to provide electric service to them at a point located in Section 27, Tract 27-7, Township 139N, Range 72W in Kidder County, Dawson, North Dakota as shown on the map attached hereto, marked Exhibit A, and made a part hereof by reference. Customer will need electric service in Summer 2024.

Correspondence to the Customer should be directed to:

Jeff Lauters  
PO Box 285  
Steele, ND 58482

IV.

The service required by Customer at said location is single phase primary service, and the length of the extension will be approximately 150 feet, as shown by Exhibit A. The location of the proposed service is within the economic service area of Applicant and service will be extended under the provisions of the rules and regulations applicable thereto. It is Applicant's public utility obligation to furnish the requested service, and the public convenience and necessity requires, and will be served by, Applicant furnishing the requested service to this Customer at said location. The Temporary Authority Permit is attached as Exhibit B.

V.

Submitted as Exhibit C with this Application is an Appearance by Customer herein, in which Customer states to the Commission that they desires electric service from Applicant as a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of, and regulation by, this Commission. In said Appearance, Customer also waives Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and Notice of Hearing upon this Application, or a hearing thereon, and requests the Commission to issue an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing this requested and needed service.

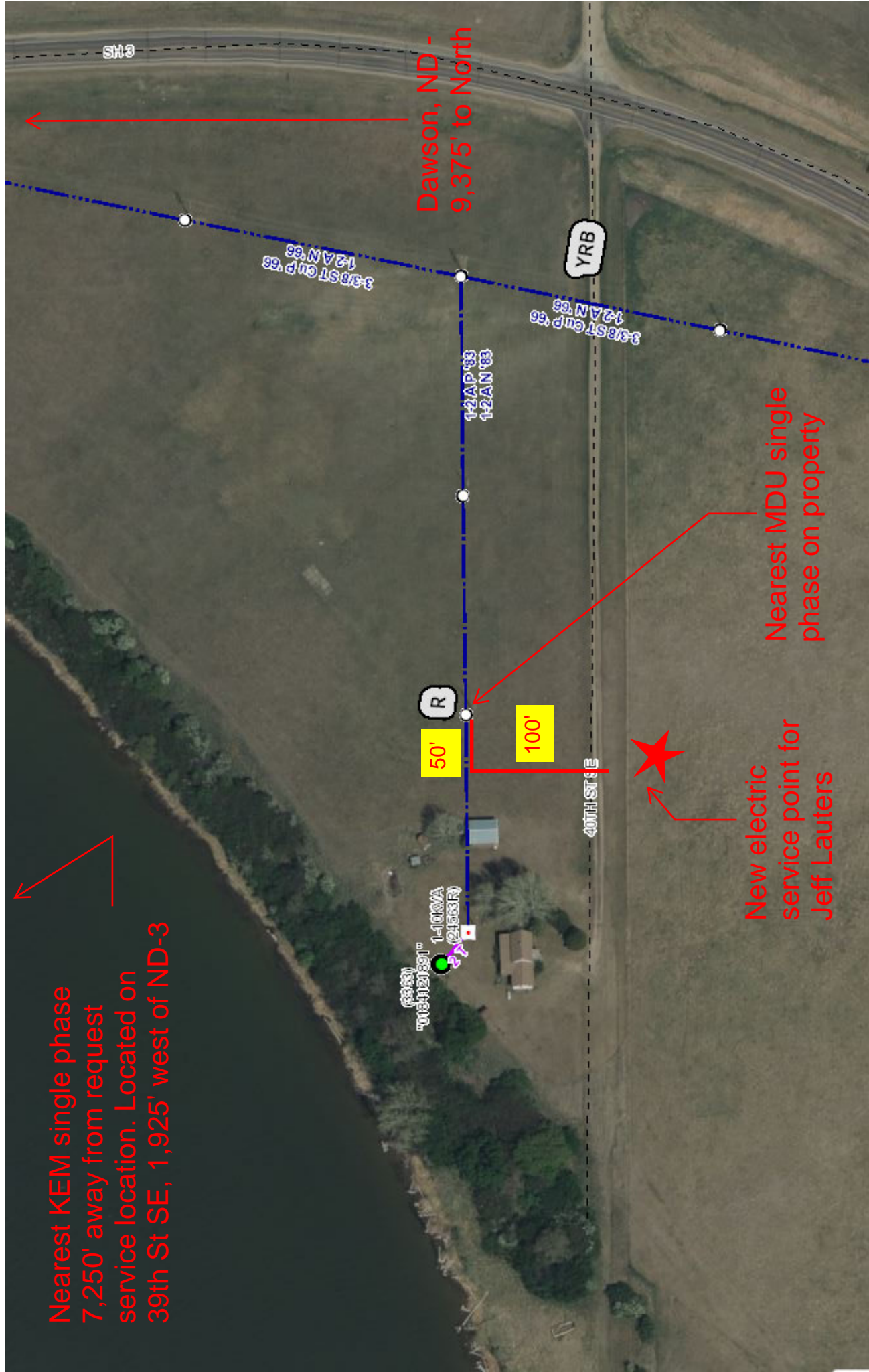
VI.

The extension will not cross any railroad tracks.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests the entry of an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Applicant to extend the requested and needed service to Customer.

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.

By: /s/ *Travis R. Jacobson*  
Travis R. Jacobson  
Director – Regulatory Affairs





**TEMPORARY AUTHORITY PERMIT**  
 NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
 PUBLIC UTILITIES  
 SFN 50560 (6-96)

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Date 04-08-24	Time <input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m.	Name of Utility Montana-Dakota Utilities	Telephone Number 701-220-6942
Name of Person Calling Jayden Veil		Name of Coop Serving KEM	
Name of Customer Jeff Lauters	Location Sec 27, Tract 27-7 Twp 139N R 72W		
Address PO Box 285		County Kidder	
City Steele		State ND	Zip Code 58482
Name of Nearest City Dawson, ND		Distance to the City 1.77 miles to North	
When will service be extended? Summer 2024		Type of Service <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Grain Bin <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Extension Length to Most Economical Point of Service Utility: 150' Coop: 7,250'		Extension <input type="checkbox"/> Overhead <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Underground Single phase	
Has customer signed request for service? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Will cooperative protest application? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No - Unknown	
Name of Person Contacted (PSC Use) Travis Kupper & Jason Bentz at KEM		Date of Contact (PSC Use) on 4/22/2024.	Time (PSC Use) 9:01 a.m. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m.
Estimated Cost of Extension \$14,773 total (split between 2 customers)		Estimated Revenue \$7,079 (credit to customer per Rate 112)	
Under what rate filed with the Public Service Commission will customer be served? Residential Electric Service - Rate 10			
Will extension cross over coop lines? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Will extension cross over railroad tracks? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Temporary Authority Authorized By <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter		Date Authorized May 10, 2024	
Authorized By (Name of Commissioner) Sheri Haugen-Hoffart			

Extension must be made from most economical point of service.

<p>Comments:</p> <p>We have given the REC a heads up on this project, but do not know if they intend to protest or not. They are significantly farther away with their facilities to service single phase power to customer.</p> <p>MDU will be required to install ~150' of UG 1 phase primary (Estimated Customer Contribution = \$7,694 split between two customers)</p> <p>KEM would be required to install ~7,250' of 1 phase primary</p> <p>This project will tie to the project on Tract 27-8 as well (Tim Lauters).</p>
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**APPEARANCE BY CUSTOMER**

Jeff Lauters

hereinafter referred to as "Customer", hereby makes a voluntary appearance in this matter and states the following to the Commission:

I.

That he (it) desires electric service from Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. as a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of, and regulation by, this Commission, and has requested said public utility to provide him (it) with immediate electric service at the point located as stated in the Application herein.

That customer further states that he (it) is in need of and has demanded immediate service at said location for the reasons set forth in the Application herein. Customer waives notice of opportunity for hearing and notice of hearing upon said Application, or a hearing thereon, and requests the Commission to issue an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing this requested and needed service, and that provisions be made therein authorizing extension of immediate service.

II.

That all the allegations of the Application herein are true and correct.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned, being the Customer involved herein, requests the entry of an Order and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by the Commission, authorizing the Applicant to immediately extend the requested and needed service to Customer at said location, subject to such appropriate and proper conditions to be appended to and made a part of such Temporary Order and Certificate as the Commission may determine, said Temporary Order and Certificate to become final as may be set forth in the conditions appended thereto; and for such other and further relief as may be proper in the premises.

Dated: 4/3/23

Jeff Lauters  
(Customer)