



UTILITIES CO.

A Subsidiary of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

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March 24, 2025

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

Re: Wishek to Merricourt Transmission Line Reconstruction Project

TRADE SECRET – PRIVATE

Case No. PU-25-____

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) herewith submits its Application for Trade Secret Protection and one copy of CONFIDENTIAL information – Attachment A of Exhibit 2 – Exclusion and Avoidance Area Evaluation and Exhibit 3 – Cultural Resource Inventory in a sealed envelope clearly marked as such.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Travis R. Jacobson'.

Travis R. Jacobson
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Public Service Commission
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

Case No. PU-25-____

Wishek to Merricourt Transmission Line Reconstruction Project (Project)

APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

Pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-01, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) submits this Application to protect from disclosure certain confidential information filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) in the above-captioned matter. The purpose of this Application for Protection of Information is to protect from public disclosure cultural resource location information pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-22-26 (“The [C]ommission may limit access to, and release of, information that contains data that specifically identifies the location of cultural, archaeological, historical, or paleontological sites.”).

I.

Montana-Dakota requests that protection be given to the cultural resource location information in Attachment A of Exhibit 2 – Exclusion and Avoidance Area Evaluation and Exhibit 3 – Cultural Resource Inventory from the Company’s Request for Siting Exclusion filed simultaneously with this Application. Specifically, Montana-Dakota requests that the information be available only to the Commission, the Commission’s counsel, the Commission’s siting analysts, and the Administrative Law Judge (should one be designated).

II.

In accordance with N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-02, Montana-Dakota has included one copy of the information in a sealed envelope which is marked PROTECTED INFORMATION - PRIVATE.

Dated this 24th day of March 2025.

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

By: 