



# Public Service Commission

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May 11, 2026

Tyler Culbertson  
Director Regulatory Affairs  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
400 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bismarck, ND 58501

Re: Case No. PU-26-169  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.  
Wishek Sausage – McIntosh County  
Public Convenience & Necessity

VIA Email & US Postal Service  
[tyler.culbertson@MDU.com](mailto:tyler.culbertson@MDU.com)

Dear Mr. Culbertson:

We received your request to extend electric service to Wishek Sausage at a site located in Section 14 Twp 132N R71W in McIntosh County North Dakota. Temporary Authority was granted by Commissioner Sheri Haugen-Hoffart on May 11, 2026. Extensions must be made from the most economical point of service.

Please submit your formal application for permanent authority as soon as possible so we may work on finalizing this request.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Geri Schmaltz".

Geri Schmaltz  
Public Utilities Division

Enclosure

cc: Benjamin Kottelecky [Benjamin.Kostelecky@mdu.com](mailto:Benjamin.Kostelecky@mdu.com)

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Letter Enclosing Signed Temporary Authority  
Permit  
Public Service Commission



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

PSC Case No. PU-26-169

Date 05/05/2026	Time <input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m.	Name of Utility Montana-Dakota Utilities	Telephone Number 701-456-7120
Name of Person Calling Ben Kostelecky		Name of Coop Serving KEM	
Name of Customer Wishek Sausage	Location Sec 14 Twp 132N R 71W		
Address 4010 Hwy 13		County McIntosh	
City Wishek	State ND	Zip Code 58495	
Name of Nearest City Wishek		Distance to the City 695'	
When will service be extended? Summer 26	Type of Service <input type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Storage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grain Bin <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Commercial</u>		
Extension Length to Most Economical Point of Service Utility: 1987' Coop: 2.5 Miles	Extension <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Overhead <input type="checkbox"/> Underground		
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		
Name of Person Contacted (PSC Use) Jason Bentz Co-Gen. Mgr. KEM Electric Coop.	Date of Contact (PSC Use) May 8, 2026 via e-mail	Time (PSC Use) 11:59 a.m. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m.	
Estimated Cost of Extension \$21,356	Estimated Revenue \$15,797 Annually		
Under what rate filed with the Public Service Commission will customer be served? Rate 30			
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 11, 2026		
Authorized By (Name of Commissioner) Sheri Haugen-Hoffart			

Extension must be made from most economical point of service.

**Comments:**  
 MDU would serve this customer with a single phase primary extension of 1,477 ft. with this additional phase extension that would give us 3 phase to serve the customer. There is currently 2 phase power there. We will have to run a 550' Service line to the customer.

KEM closest 3 phase is approximately 2.5 miles Southeast of this location.

KEM will not protest