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June 9, 2026

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

Re: Case No. PU-26-173
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Applied Digital Man Camp – Ellendale, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

VIA Email & US Postal Service
tyler.culbertson@MDU.com

Dear Mr. Culbertson:

We received your request to extend electric service to Applied Digital Man Camp at a site located in Section 11 Twp 129N R64W in Dickey County North Dakota. Temporary Authority was granted by Commissioner Randy Christmann on June 9, 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,

Geri Schmaltz
Public Utilities Division

Enclosure

cc: Benjamin Kostelecky Benjamin.Kostelecky@mdu.com



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

PSC Case No. PU-26-173

Date 5/26/2026	Time <input type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m.	Name of Utility Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	Telephone Number 701-425-2707
Name of Person Calling Jeremy Fischer		Name of Coop Serving Dakota Valley	
Name of Customer Applied Digital	Location Sec 11 Twp 129N R 64W		
Address		County Dickey	
City		State ND	Zip Code
Name of Nearest City Ellendale		Distance to the City 6.43 Miles	
When will service be extended? May 2026	Type of Service <input type="checkbox"/> Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Grain Bin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Man Camp		
Extension Length to Most Economical Point of Service Utility: 265 ft Coop: Approximately 4 miles	Extension <input type="checkbox"/> Overhead <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Underground		
Has customer signed request for service? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Will cooperative protest application? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No It is unknown if the cooperative will protest.		
Name of Person Contacted (PSC Use) Mark Kinzler GM Dakota Valley Electric via phone	Date of Contact (PSC Use) 6/8/2026 9:30 a.m.	Time (PSC Use)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> p.m.
Estimated Cost of Extension \$37,374.00	Estimated Revenue \$112,000		
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 June 9, 2026	
Authorized By (Name of Commissioner) <i>Randy Christmann</i>			

Extension must be made from most economical point of service.

Comments:
 The extension will serve a temporary man camp. Because the load is temporary, Montana-Dakota intends to collect the extension cost from the customer as a CIAC. Montana-Dakota owns the line on the north side of the property and the local Coop would need extend service approximately 4 miles.

Note: Mark Kinzler spoke to Victor Schock via phone on 6/8/2026 to let him know they are having a board meeting on Thursday, June 11 and at that time he is recommending that Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative not protest this application. grs