

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Ellendale 345kV Substation Expansion – Dickey Cty
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-26-293

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

On July 10, 2014, the Commission issued Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 154 (Certificate 154) and Route Permit Number 166 to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) and Otter Tail Power Company designating a location for the construction and operation of approximately 11 miles of 345 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line and associated facilities in Dickey County, North Dakota.

On July 31, 2026, MDU filed an Application to amended Certificate 154 for a proposed expansion to the Ellendale 345kV substation located in Dickey County, North Dakota. The purpose of this expansion is to increase the facility's reliability and operational flexibility while supporting growing commercial loads.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Will the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed facility at the proposed location produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Is the proposed facility compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed facility at the proposed location minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearings must be received by October 9, 2026.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a formal hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify the Commission.

Issued: August 26, 2026
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Sheri Haugen-Hoffart
Commissioner



Randy Christmann
Chair



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Commissioner



 Amended Corridor  Project Corridor  PLSS Sections	Ellendale 345Kv Substation Expansion Dickey County, North Dakota 0 500  US Feet  1:7,000	 Created By: A. Fisher Date Exported: 8/17/2026 Sources: Ulteig, USGS, NODIS Background: NDSWC 2023 Aerial
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