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PSC Schedules Public Hearing for Water Line Project at the Heskett Station in Morton County

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 5, regarding a proposal to construct a water pipeline in Morton County.

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) is proposing an approximately 2,684 feet long, 12-inch water pipeline. The pipeline would be installed from an existing municipal water pipeline owned by the city of Mandan to the Heskett Station. The project would provide approximately 1,395 gallons per minute of fresh water to the Heskett Station. The water would primarily be used for fire protection activities, with a very small amount used for evaporative cooling for the combustion turbines.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1.6 million. (Note to the media: A map showing the proposed location of the project has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- Tuesday, April 5, 2022 9 a.m. Central
- Mandan City Hall, Ed "Bosh" Froehlich Meeting Room 205 2nd Ave. NW Mandan, ND 58554

The hearing provides an opportunity for members of the public to contribute to the PSC's official record. Any comments from members of the public must be received at the hearing to be part of the record. People with concerns, questions or support/opposition for the project are encouraged to attend the hearing and present their information. <u>Information received after the hearing will not be part of the official record and cannot be used as a basis for the Commission's decision unless certain additional procedures are followed.</u>

The North Dakota Public Service Commission is a constitutionally created state agency with authority to permit, site and regulate certain business activities in the state including electric and gas utilities, telecommunications companies, power plants, electric transmission lines, pipelines, railroads, auctioneers, commercial weighing devices, pipeline safety and coal mine reclamation. For more information, contact the Public Service Commission at (701) 328-2400 or www.psc.nd.gov.

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