

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. AND) OTTER TAIL POWER COMPANY FOR A) PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE BIG STONE) SOUTH TO ELLENDALE 345 KV) TRANSMISSION LINE)	ORDER CHANGING HEARING LOCATION EL13-028
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On August 23, 2013, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Otter Tail Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, (jointly, the Applicants) filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an Application for a Facility Permit for the Big Stone South to Ellendale 345 kV Transmission Line project (Application) and a Motion to Schedule Prehearing Conference (Motion). The Application requests Commission approval of a permit to construct a 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line of approximately 150 to 160 miles in South Dakota (Project). On January 13, 2014, the Commission issued a Procedural Scheduling Order setting the matter for formal evidentiary hearing on June 10-12, 2014, in Room 413 of the State Capitol Building in Pierre beginning at 1:00 p.m. CDT with days two and three beginning at 8:00 a.m. CDT. On May 13, 2014, the Commission issued an Order for and Notice of Hearing setting the matter for hearing at the above stated time and place (Order).

Due to a scheduling conflict, the hearing location has been moved from Room 413 of the State Capitol Building to the adjacent Room 414 of the State Capitol Building. All other provisions of the Order shall remain in effect.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission will hold a formal evidentiary hearing on the Application, as amended, on June 10-12, 2014, in Room 414 of the State Capitol Building in Pierre beginning at 1:00 p.m. CDT, with days two and three beginning at 8:00 a.m. CDT except as otherwise directed by the Commission or hearing examiner at the hearing. The parties shall arrive at the hearing room 30 minutes prior to commencement on day one for the marking of exhibits.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of June, 2014.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>[Signature]</u>
Date: <u>6.9.14</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

<u>[Signature]</u> GARY HANSON, Chairman
<u>[Signature]</u> CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner
<u>[Signature]</u> KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner