



## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**DATE:** October 4, 2016  
**FROM:** Gabe Schell, PE | City Engineer   
**ITEM:** Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Franchise Renewal Request

### REQUEST

Resolution granting franchise renewal.

Please place this item on the October 11, 2016 City Commission meeting.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Pursuant to Section 9 of the resolution of September 25, 2001, granting a franchise to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. to construct, maintain, and operate a fiber optic cable system and to lease "Dark Fiber" to other entities within the City of Bismarck, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. is requesting the agreement of the City of Bismarck to exercise the option to renew the franchise through September 25, 2021.

### RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION

Renew the September 25, 2001, franchise through September 25, 2021.

### STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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September 16, 2016

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Subject: Resolution Granting Franchise Renewal

Dear Mr. Schell:

Pursuant to Section 9 of the resolution of September 25, 2001 granting a franchise to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. to construct, maintain and operate a fiber optic cable system and to lease "Dark Fiber" to other entities within the City of Bismarck, Montana-Dakota formally requests the agreement of the City of Bismarck to exercise the option to renew the franchise through September 25, 2021.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay Skabo'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jay Skabo  
Vice President – Electric Supply  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.