

MONTANA AND ELECTRIC LINES EASEMENT 656

RECORDED MARCH 29, 1995 BK 372 PG 656 NO 193818 RONALD L. DAILEY, COUNTY CLERK

THIS EASEMENT, made this 30th day of JANUARY, 19 95, between MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., a corporation, and US WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., a corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Companies," and the following-named persons, hereinafter referred to as "Owner," namely: Marilyn K. Thomas, a single person
646 Big Goose Road Sheridan, WY 82801

WITNESSETH: That for valuable consideration received, Owner does hereby grant unto Companies, jointly and severally, its and their respective successors and assigns, an easement to construct, operate, maintain, increase the capacity of, repair, replace and remove such communication and electric systems as the Companies may from time to time require, consisting of pole structures supporting one or more circuits, guys, anchors, wires, underground cables, conduits, manholes, drains and splicing boxes, surface testing terminals, repeaters, repeater housings, markers, transformers, pedestals and other facilities used in the construction, operation, maintenance, increasing the capacity of, repair, replacement and removal of said communication and electric systems, and to cut and trim trees and shrubbery located within 15 feet of said systems or where they may interfere with or threaten to endanger the operation and maintenance of said systems. Said systems may be constructed either overhead or underground or, if constructed overhead, may be converted from overhead to underground at some future time.

Said communication and electric systems may be located upon, over, under and across a strip of land 20 feet wide across the following-described real estate, situated in the County of Sheridan State of Wyoming to wit:

A strip of land twenty (20) feet wide lying south of the south right of way line of Wyoming State Highway No. 331 situated in the SE 1/4SW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 55 North, Range 85 West, 6th P.M., Sheridan County, Wyoming; the north line of said strip being thirty (30) feet from and parallel to said south right of way line, said north line also being seventy (70) feet from and parallel to the centerline of said State Highway No. 331 and described as follows:

Commencing at the south quarter corner of said Section 2; thence N20°45'15"W, 1366.69 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described strip of land, said point lying on the south line of an easement described in Book 351 of Deeds, Page 270; thence S73°59'00"W, 198.96 feet along said south line to a point (246+42.72); thence, along said south line, through a curve to the left, having a radius of 1839.86 feet, a central angle of 08°40'00", an arc length of 278.30 feet, a chord bearing of S69°39'00"W, and a chord length of 278.04 feet to a point (243+53.83); thence S65°19'00"W, 113.37 feet along said line to the POINT OF TERMINUS of said strip of land, said point being N43°55'21"W, 1498.13 feet from said south quarter corner of Section 2.

Basis of Bearings is Wyoming State Plane.

See Certificate of Survey for property lines and section corner ties in reference to the above legal description as filed in drawer A of Certificate of Surveys No. 56.

Owner, its successors and assigns, hereby grants to Companies, jointly and severally, its and their successors and assigns, the right of ingress or egress at all reasonable times over and across the lands of Owner, to and from said strip of land for the purpose of exercising the rights herein granted; to place and maintain guys, anchors and surface markers beyond said strip where necessary; and to install gates in any fences crossing said strip.

Owner, its successors and assigns, agrees not to build, create or construct or permit to be built, created or constructed, any obstruction, building, engineering works or other structures upon, over and under the strip of land herein described or that would interfere with the herein stated uses, or Companies' rights hereunder.

Companies agree that any and all damages that may result to the crops, fences, buildings, and improvements on said premises caused by the construction and maintenance of said communication and/or electric systems will be paid for by the responsible Company. The damages, if not mutually agreed upon, may be determined by three disinterested persons, one to be selected by the responsible Company and one by Owner; these two shall select a third person. The award determined by these three persons shall be final and conclusive.

If the herein-described lands are in the State of North Dakota, this easement is limited to a term of 99 years.

If the herein-described lands are in the State of Wyoming, Owner does hereby release and waive all rights under and by virtue of the homestead exemption laws of that state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Owner has executed this easement as of the day and year first above written.

Marilyn K. Thomas

(SEAL)

STATE OF Wyoming)
) ss.
 County of Sheridan)

On this 30th day of JANUARY, 19 95, before me personally appeared Marilyn K. Thomas, A Single Person

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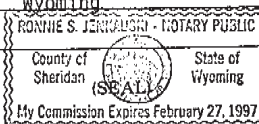
known to me to be the same person described in and who executed the above and foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same, (known to me to be the same and same respectively, of the corporation that is described in and that executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.)

Ronnie S. Jernigan

Notary Public, Sheridan County.

State of Wyoming

Residing at



My Commission Expires

W.O. _____ TRACT NO. _____ L.R.R. No. 35393

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