

**HIGH-VOLTAGE DIRECT CURRENT (HVDC) TRANSMISSION LINE**  
**MONTANA CLASS 14 PROPERTY TAX CLASSIFICATION, 15-6-157(1)(x), MCA**  
**CERTIFICATION APPLICATION FORM**

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Instructions:

1. This form is intended to serve as an application for certification of eligibility for class 14 property tax classification provided for in 15-6-157 (1)(x), Montana Code Annotated (MCA).
2. Complete a separate application for each facility for which a certification is requested. Submit one (1) signed copy (paper or electronic) to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) at the above address. DEQ will determine the completeness of the application within 30 days after receipt and notify the applicant in writing of DEQ's completeness determination. DEQ will issue the certification or deny the application within 60 days of the completeness determination. Please contact DEQ if you have any questions or need assistance.
3. When necessary, provide additional information as an attachment to the application form.
4. Provide any information required to verify certification, including information that has been submitted to another Montana state agency.
5. Pursuant to § 15-6-157, Montana Code Annotated (MCA), certification of a high voltage direct-current transmission line and associated equipment and structures ("transmission facility") for Class 14 property tax classification, requires that the facility meets the following requirements in law:
  - I. The transmission facility is high-voltage and direct-current (§ 15-6-157(x), MCA).
  - II. The transmission facility must originate in Montana with a converter station located in Montana east of the continental divide and be constructed after July 1, 2007 (§ 15-6-157(x)(i), MCA).
  - III. The transmission facility must be certified under the Montana Major Facility Siting Act (§ 15-6-157(x)(ii), MCA).
  - IV. The transmission facility must provide access to energy markets for Montana electrical generation facilities listed in § 15-6-157, MCA that commenced construction after June 1, 2007 (§ 15-6-157(x)(iii), MCA).
  - V. Standard prevailing rate of wages for heavy construction, as provided in § 18-2-414, MCA, must be paid during the construction phase (§ 15-6-157(3)(a), MCA).
6. To ensure the timely issuance of a certification, DEQ suggests that a complete application be submitted on or before January 1 prior to the applicable tax year.
7. Upon request by DEQ, an applicant is required to submit any additional supporting documentation that is required for certification.
8. Please call the DEQ Energy Bureau at (406) 444-0218 with questions regarding abatement certification.

## CERTIFICATION REQUEST

Select the appropriate property tax classification certification being requested (check one):

New Certification of Class 14 tax classification provided for in 15-6-157 (1)(x), MCA  
 Update to existing Class 14 tax classification provided for in 15-6-157 (1)(x), MCA

Note: For renewable energy, new energy technology, clean coal and renewable fuel tax abatement provided for in 15-24-3111, MCA, please use separate forms available at: <https://deq.mt.gov/energy/resources#CleanGreen>.

### NAMES AND ADDRESSES

**Applicant Information**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information**

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### FACILITY INFORMATION

The following information regarding the facility must be supplied by the applicant in either the space provided below or as an attachment.

1. Provide the name of the facility that the applicant is seeking certification for.

Facility Name/Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Provide the date the facility construction began and the date the facility operation commenced (or is anticipated to commence). "Commencement of construction" means initiation of onsite fabrication, erection, or installation of, but not limited to, the following: a) Building supports or foundations b) Construction of associated structures
3. Provide certification that the facility is high-voltage and direct-current and is rated with a nominal voltage of 114 kilovolts direct-current, or greater as required in 15-6-157(x).
4. Attach a narrative and supporting documentation describing how the facility meets requirements to qualify for Class 14 classification under 15-6-157(1)(x)(i-iii), MCA. DEQ may request follow-up information or a site visit to gather additional details.
5. The standard prevailing rate of wages for heavy construction were (or will be) paid during construction of the facilities in Montana as provided in 18-2-414, MCA.

Yes  
 No

Note: DEQ will verify this statement with information from the Department of Labor and Industry. If requested by DEQ, you must provide certified payroll that meets the content and format requirements of the Administrative Rules of Montana, 24.17.307.

**CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS**

*I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry, the information provided in this form is true, accurate, and complete.*

*(Name, title, and signature of company representative)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print or Type)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature Required)