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November 15, 2011

Mr. Tim Solberg
Cass County Planner
Planning Office
1201 Main Avenue West
West Fargo, ND 58078

Re: CapX2020 Alexandria to Bison 345 kV Transmission Line
Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and Variance Application

Dear Mr. Solberg:

Enclosed please find the Cass County Highways Access Permit Application and the Cass County Highway Department Utility Permit, along with the corresponding map pages.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact Stefan "Oly" Olafson, CapX2020 Right-of-Way Specialist, at 701-208-8855. Thank you!

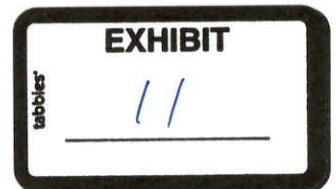
Sincerely,

David G. Callahan
Supervisor,
Siting & Land Rights
612/330-5951

cc: Jerry Lein, North Dakota Public Service Commission

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Exhibit 11

Northern States Power Company



**CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
HIGHWAY ACCESS PERMIT APPLICATION**

Cass County application acceptance date:

- Instructions:
- Complete this form (some questions may not apply to you) and attach all necessary documents and submit to the Cass County Highway Department
 - Submit an application for each access affected
 - If you have any questions contact the Cass County Highway Department
 - For additional information visit the Highway Departments website at: <http://www.casscountygov.com/departments/highway/>

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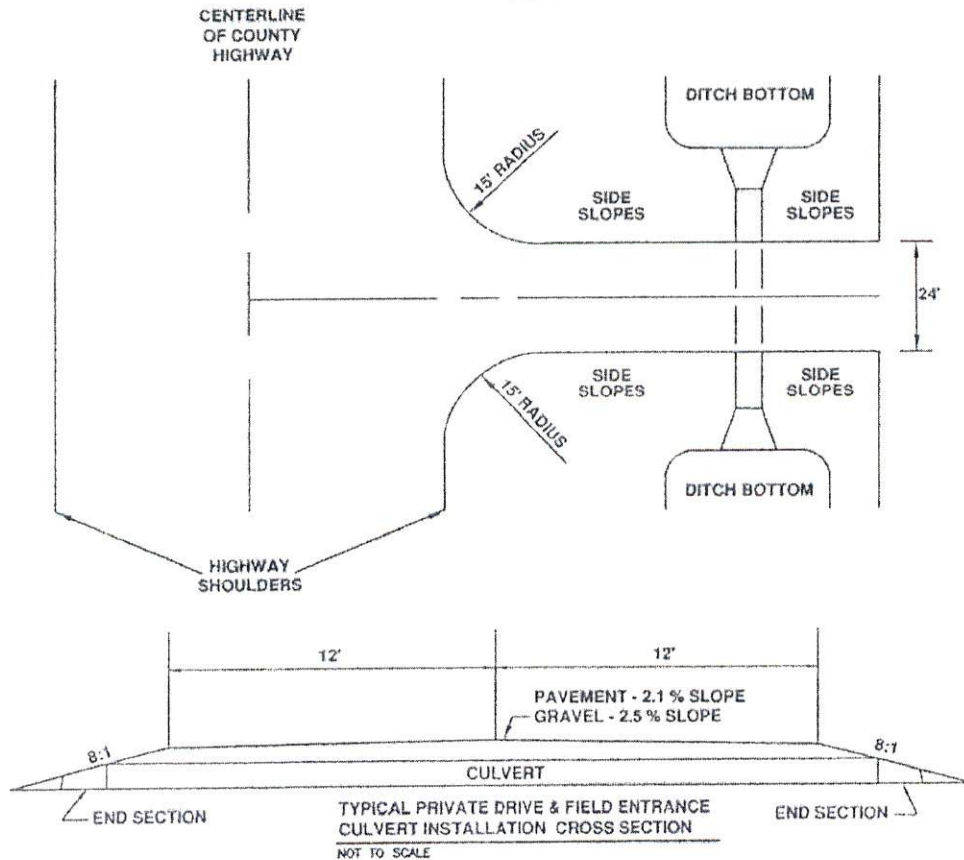
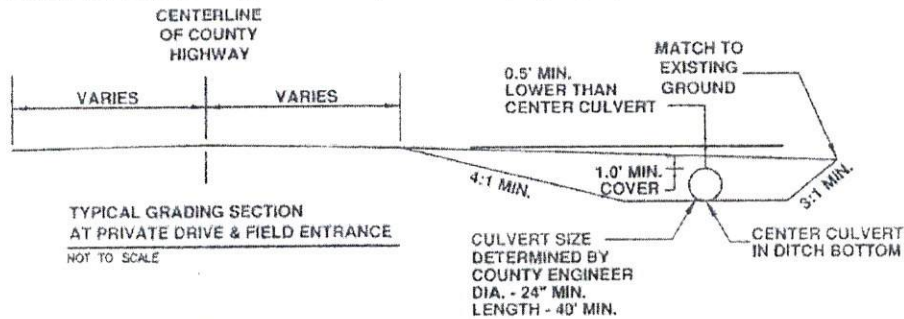
1) Property Owner (Applicant) Cap X 2020		2) Agent for applicant (if different from property owner) Ulteig Engineers	
Street Address 250 Marquette Avenue, Suite 800		Mailing Address 3350 38th Avenue South	
City, State & Zip Minneapolis, MN 55401	Phone # 612-330-5951	City, State & Zip Fargo, ND 58104	Phone # 701-280-8628
Email Address David.g.callahan@xcelenergy.com		Email Address stefan.olafson@ulteig.com	
3) Address of property to be served by permit (if applicable) Please see additional information sheet			
4) Legal description of property (required)			
city	subdivision	block	lot
See Information Sheet			
5) What County Highway are you requesting access from? See Information Sheet		6) What side of the highway? <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> W	
7) What is the approximate date you intend to begin construction/or use of the access? Late Summer or Fall of 2012 is when the construction will begin			
8) Type of permit requested: Please see additional information sheet			
<input type="checkbox"/> new permanent access	<input type="checkbox"/> temporary access (duration anticipated:)	<input type="checkbox"/> improve existing approach	
<input type="checkbox"/> field access	<input type="checkbox"/> change in land use or land use density	<input type="checkbox"/> removed existing approach	
9) Current land use of property:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> business	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
<input type="checkbox"/> residential			
11) Does the property owner own or have any interest in any adjacent property? <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> yes, describe: Please see additional information sheet			
12) Are there other existing or dedicated public interest streets, road, highways or access easements bordering or within the property? <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> yes, if yes - list them on your plans and indicate the proposed and existing access points. Please see additional information sheet			
13) If you are requesting agricultural field access - how many acres will the access serve? Please see additional information sheet			
14) If you are requesting commercial or industrial access please indicate the types and number of businesses and provide the floor area square footage			
business	square footage	business	square footage
15) If you are requesting residential development access, what is the type (single family, apartment, condo) and the number of units?			
type	number of units	type	number of units
16) Applicant name (printed): Greg P. Chamberlain		Date:	Signature (required):

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Authorization	Performance Guarantee	Project Deadlines
Authorized Highway Department Signature	<input type="checkbox"/> no deposit required	<input type="checkbox"/> permanent/field access completion date:
Date	<input type="checkbox"/> deposit required: \$ date deposit received: deposit returned upon satisfactory completion of all work	<input type="checkbox"/> temporary access removal date: <input type="checkbox"/> temporary change in land use permitted length of time

REQUIREMENTS

1. No work under this application is to be started until the application is approved and the permit is issued.
2. The Applicant agrees to perform all work in accordance with this Permit, and to indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers and employees from all liability, judgments, costs, expenses, and claims growing out of damages, or alleged damages, of any nature whatsoever, to any person or property arising out of performance or nonperformance of said work, or the existence of said drives.
3. The total cost of all construction and maintenance of the work specified shall be borne by the Applicant, its grantees, successors, and assigns; except that the County will maintain the shoulder of the roadway.
4. It is understood by the Applicant that the County does not assume any responsibility for the removal or clearance of snow, ice or sleet, or the opening of windrows of such material, upon any portion of the drive even though snow, ice or sleet, is deposited or windrowed on said drive by its authorized representative engaged in normal winter maintenance operations.
5. A drive, as referred to in this Permit, shall be the traveled area between the highway roadway-surface and the adjacent right-of-way line. Said drive shall be used only for the purpose of providing entrance to and exit from the Applicant's property.
6. The granting of this permit does not vest the applicant with the exclusive use of the drive. Cass County Highway Department retains the right to diminish and expand the use of the drive as required in the interest of the safety of highway traffic.
7. Where work on or near the traveled roadway is necessary, proper signs, channelizing devices, warning lights, and barricades must be erected to protect traffic, employees, and pedestrians. All traffic control devices and methods shall conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Device (MUTCD).
8. It is understood by the Applicant that the location, construction, and maintenance of drives are under the supervision of the County at all times, and that in granting this permit the County waives none of its powers or rights to direct the removal, relocation, and/or proper maintenance in the future of any drives within the right-of-way of the County Highway.
9. No foreign material such as dirt, gravel, or bituminous material shall be deposited or left on the road during the construction of driveway or installation of drainage facilities.
10. Roadside must be cleaned up after work is completed.
11. No drive, or improvement constructed on the highway right-of-way shall be altered or relocated without permission of the County Engineer of the County Highway Department.
12. Driveway side slopes shall be constructed 8:1 and shall be hand finished and seeded.
13. Proper erosion control and sedimentation devices shall be used.
14. No drive shall be considered as completed until checked and approved by the County Highway Department. Surfacing may be omitted on field entrances if so specified in the application.
15. After driveway construction is completed the applicant shall notify the Cass County Highway Department that the work is completed and is ready for inspection.



**CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
UTILITY PERMIT**

Greg P. Chamberlain

Cap X 2020

Applicants Name

Company

THE APPLICANT is hereby granted permission to install and maintain the following described facilities on highway right of way, as shown on the plans attached hereto and made a part hereof:

INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE: Installation and maintenance of said facilities on highway right of way shall conform to the following provisions:

- (1). Within thirty (30) days after construction, maintenance, relocation or removal of said facilities, any right of way scars shall be removed and disturbed areas restored to original condition and reseeded. The area will be maintained by the applicant or a period of one (1) year from the date of completion.
- (2). The utility shall be placed at a minimum depth of 42 inches below the ditch elevation within 75 feet of the centerline of the road.
- (3). The utility shall be placed under all County roads by means of pipe, pushed at a minimum depth of 42 inches under the road surface.
- (4). Marker posts shall be installed on all crossings on the right of way line or farther from the centerline of the road.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Installation and maintenance of said facilities on highway right of way shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:


- (A). Installation, maintenance, relocation and removal of said facilities on highway right of way shall be done in a manner satisfactory to the Board of County Commissioners.
- (B). The County shall not be liable for damage to said facilities resulting from reconstruction or maintenance of the highway. Applicant shall hold the County harmless for injury to persons or damage to property resulting from the location of said facilities on highway right of way.
- (C). Applicant shall repair or replace highway structures and appurtenances and any existing facilities located on, over or under highway right of way, which may be damaged as a result of the installation and maintenance of said facilities on highway right of way.
- (D). Applicant shall promptly remove said facilities from highway right of way, or shall relocate or adjust said facilities, at its sole cost and expense when requested to so do by the Board of County Commissioners.
- (E). Applicant shall, upon installation and restoration, call the Cass County Highway Department for inspection.

Applicant hereby agrees to the above terms and conditions and when this application is signed by both the applicant and the County, it shall become a permit to do the work herein described.

County Highway Number

Township

Sections



Applicant Signature

Greg P. Chamberlain
Director, Transmission Portfolio Delivery Xcel Energy

Title

Cass County Engineer

Date Approved

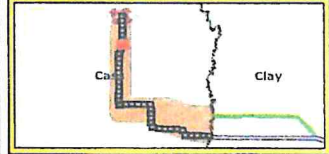
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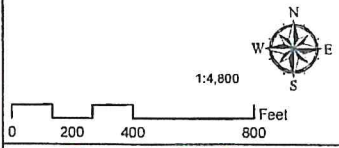


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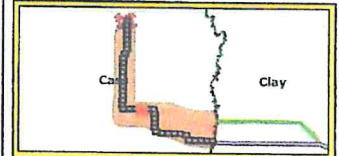
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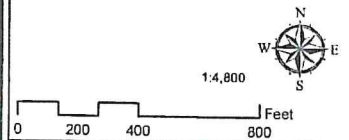


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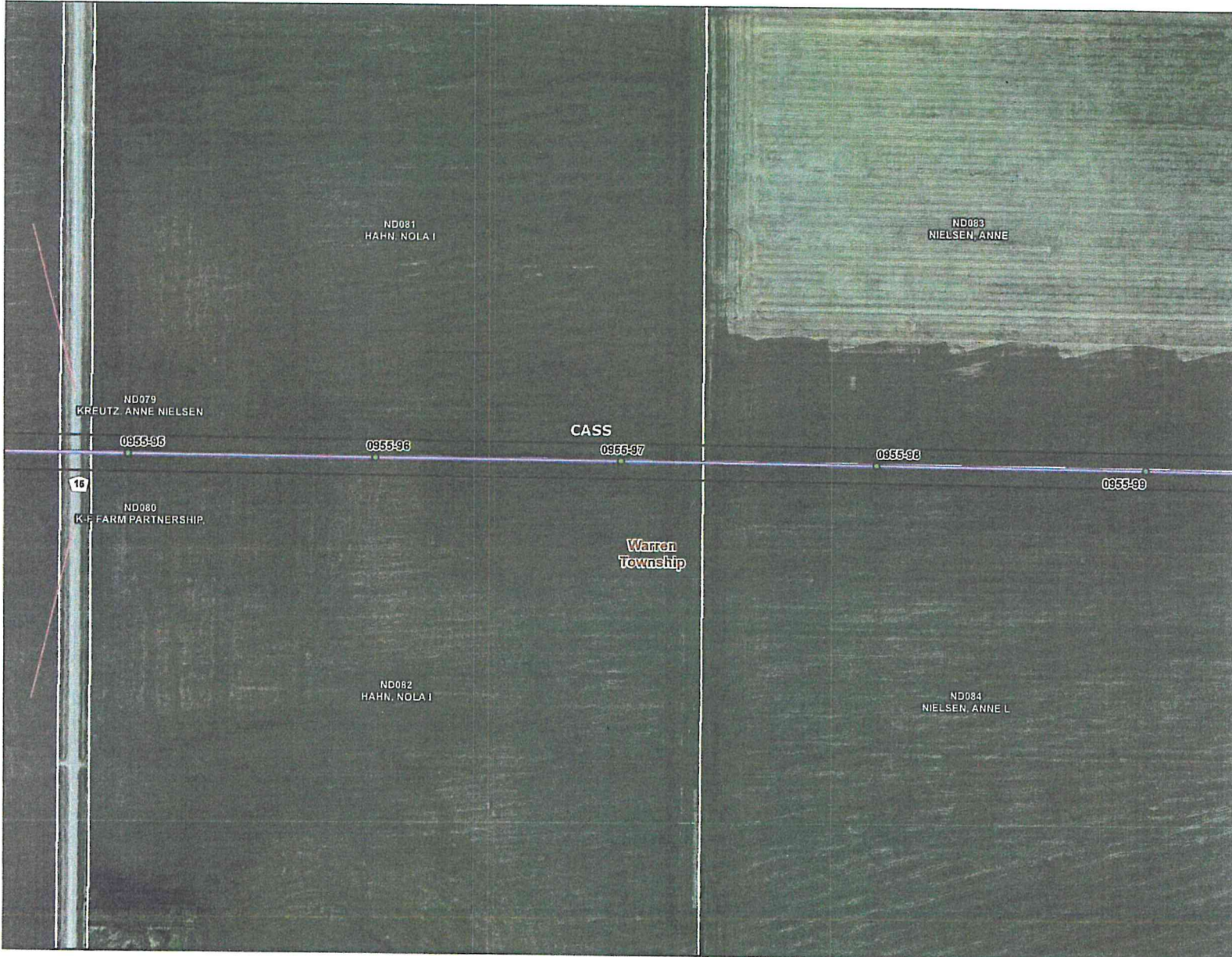
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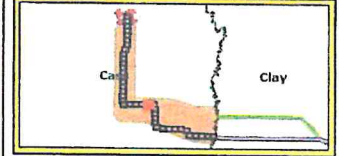
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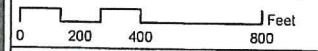
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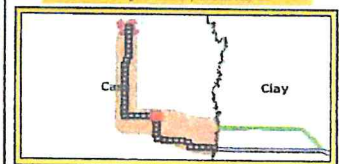


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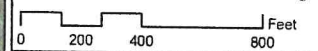
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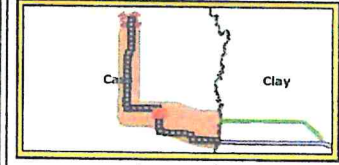
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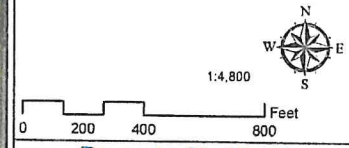
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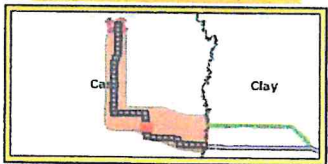
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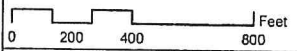
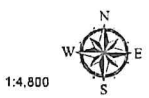
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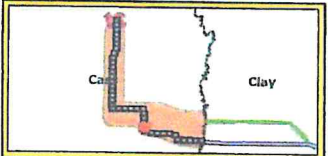
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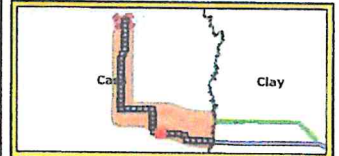
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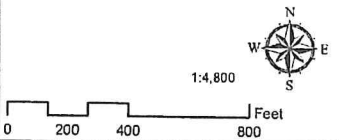


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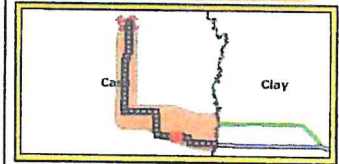
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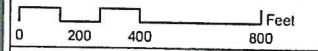
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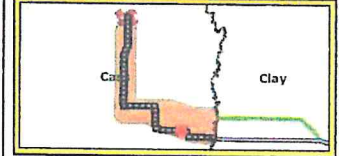
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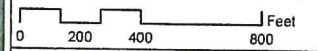
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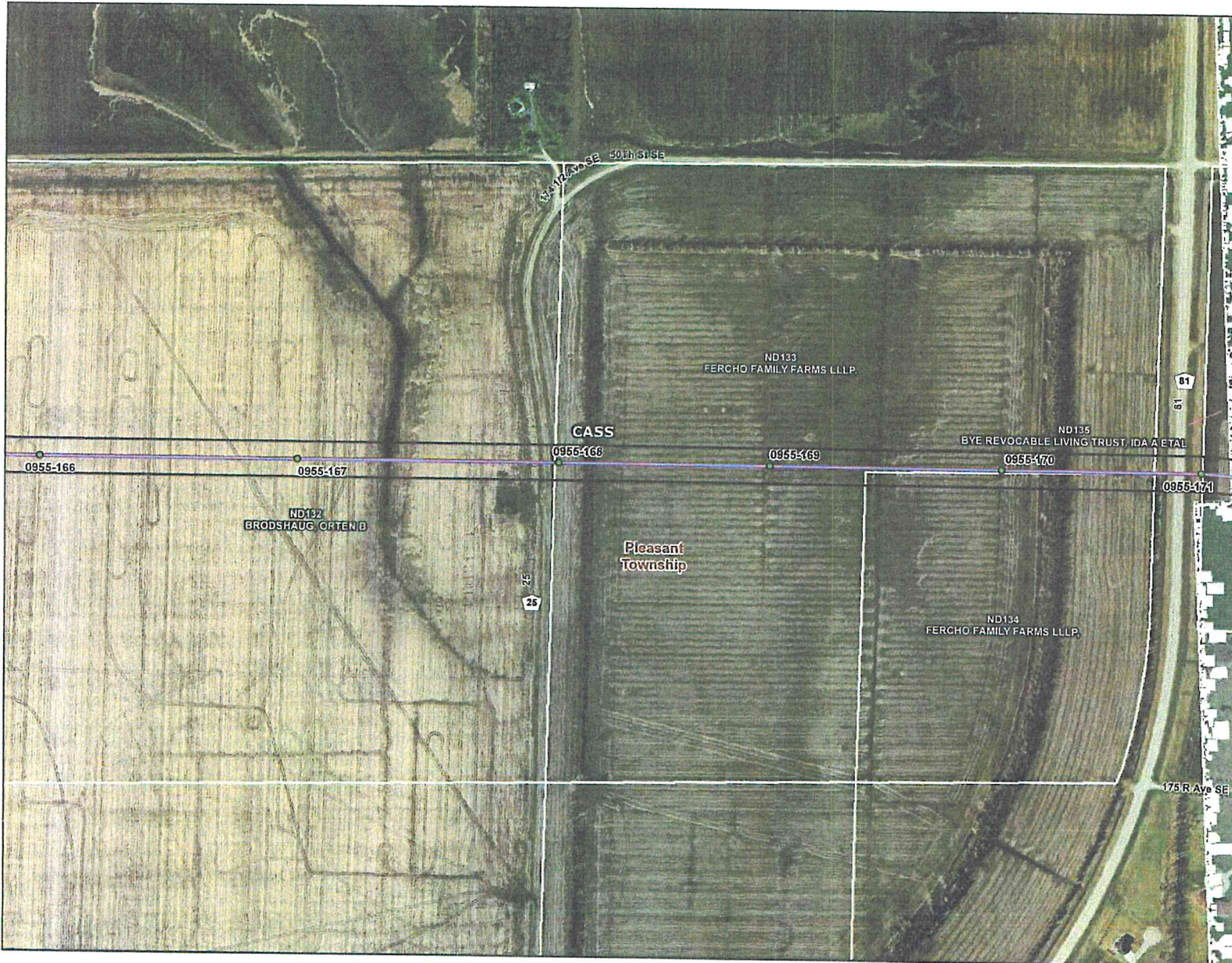
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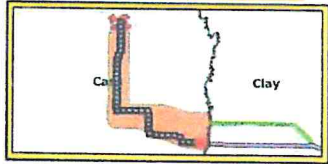
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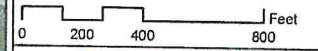
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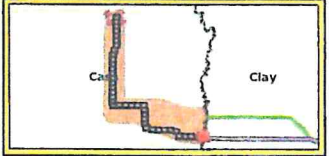
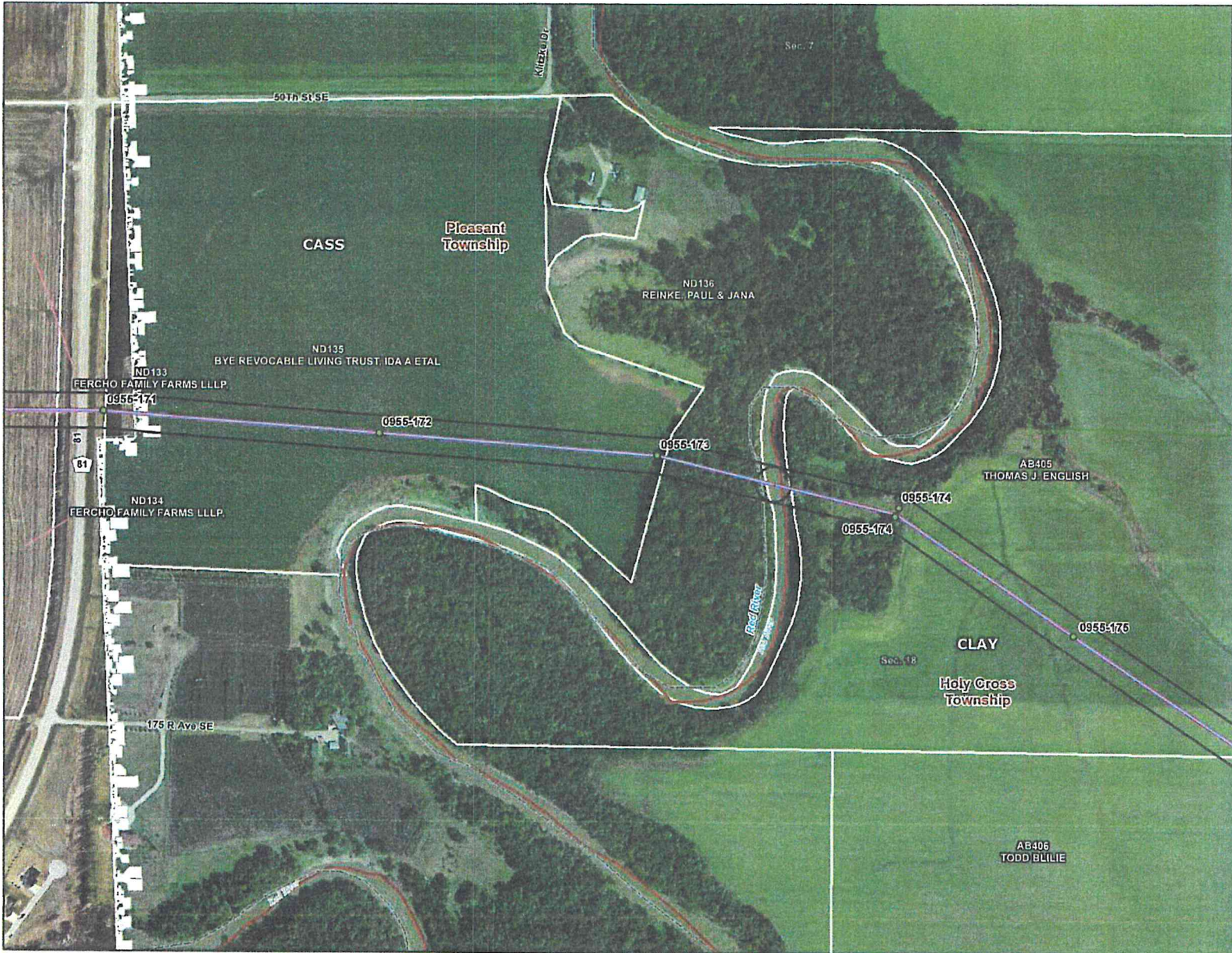
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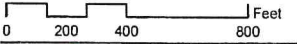
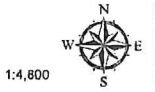


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