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June 7, 2012

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
Department 408
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**Re: Northern States Power Company Fargo-Monticello MN
345 kV Cap-X Transmission Line Siting Application
Case No. PU-07-759**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, hereby submits to the North Dakota Public Service Commission the Affidavit of Darrin F. Lahr and Schedules 1 to 3. This filing is intended to serve as an amendment to the Late-Filed Exhibit 32.

The Company also writes to inform the Commission that the City of Mapleton approved a conditional use permit on June 5, 2012 for the route proposed in this proceeding. A copy of the permit will be forwarded under separate cover when it is received.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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**Amendment to late-filed Exhibit 32 - Affidavit of
Darrin Lahr and Schedules 1 to 3**

Northern States Power Company

Darrin Lahr

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darrin F. Lahr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Darrin F. Lahr
Supervisor, Siting and Land Rights,
Xcel Energy Services Inc., as agent for
Northern States Power Company,
a Minnesota corporation

cc: Jerry Lein
Mitch Armstrong
Erik Johnson
Dean Kraft

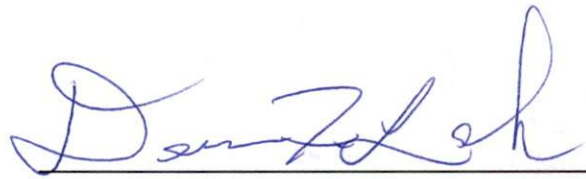
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Resolution of Routing Issues Related to the Kraft Airstrips.

5. At the Hearing, the Company was asked to provide a late-filed exhibit regarding mitigation options of the airstrips owned by Mr. Dean Kraft, who also testified at the Hearing. This exhibit was labeled as Late-Filed Exhibit 32.
6. On February 27, 2012, I submitted an Affidavit providing an update to the Commission on the Company's efforts to mitigate impacts to Kraft's airstrips.
7. Since that time, the Company has continued to talk with Mr. Kraft and surrounding landowners to identify options to address Mr. Kraft's concerns.
8. The Company is pleased to report that we have identified a route alternative for the Fargo Project that addresses Mr. Kraft's concerns and is agreeable to all affected landowners ("Kraft Alternative"). The Kraft Alternative, shown on the map provided as Schedule 1 to this Affidavit, is fully contained within the Proposed Corridor that was evaluated in this proceeding. The Kraft Alternative does not impact any Exclusion Areas or Avoidance Areas, as provided for in the Commission's regulations.
9. The Company has also evaluated the Kraft Alternative in the context of the Federal Aviation Authority ("FAA") regulations that would apply if the Kraft airstrips were operated as a private airport. (The Kraft airstrips are not governed by FAA regulations.) The airspaces that would be restricted are shown on Schedule 1. None of the structures would be located in the approach slope clearance zone and the three structures within the restricted height zones would meet the specified height limit—no structure will exceed 150 feet in the green area shown on Schedule 1.
10. I have personally spoken with Mr. Kraft and he has confirmed to me that the Kraft Alternative addresses his concerns regarding his airstrips. A file copy of the letter I sent to Mr. Kraft regarding our conversation is provided as Schedule 2.
11. Documentation with the signatures of all other landowners affected by the re-route signifying their consent to the route alternative is provided as Schedule 3. Some of these landowners were not originally impacted by the Proposed Route but have agreed to have an easement on their property to address Mr. Kraft's concerns.
12. Mr. Kraft declined to provide a signature until he and the Company can reach agreement on the level of compensation for the easement on his property.

13. Significant accommodations have been made by affected landowners and the Company in an effort to address the issues Mr. Kraft raised at the Hearing. The Company believes that the revised route now located at least one mile from the Kraft airstrips and which is agreed to by all impacted landowners provides a solution that should be considered by the Commission.

Further Affiant sayeth not.



Darrin F. Lahr

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

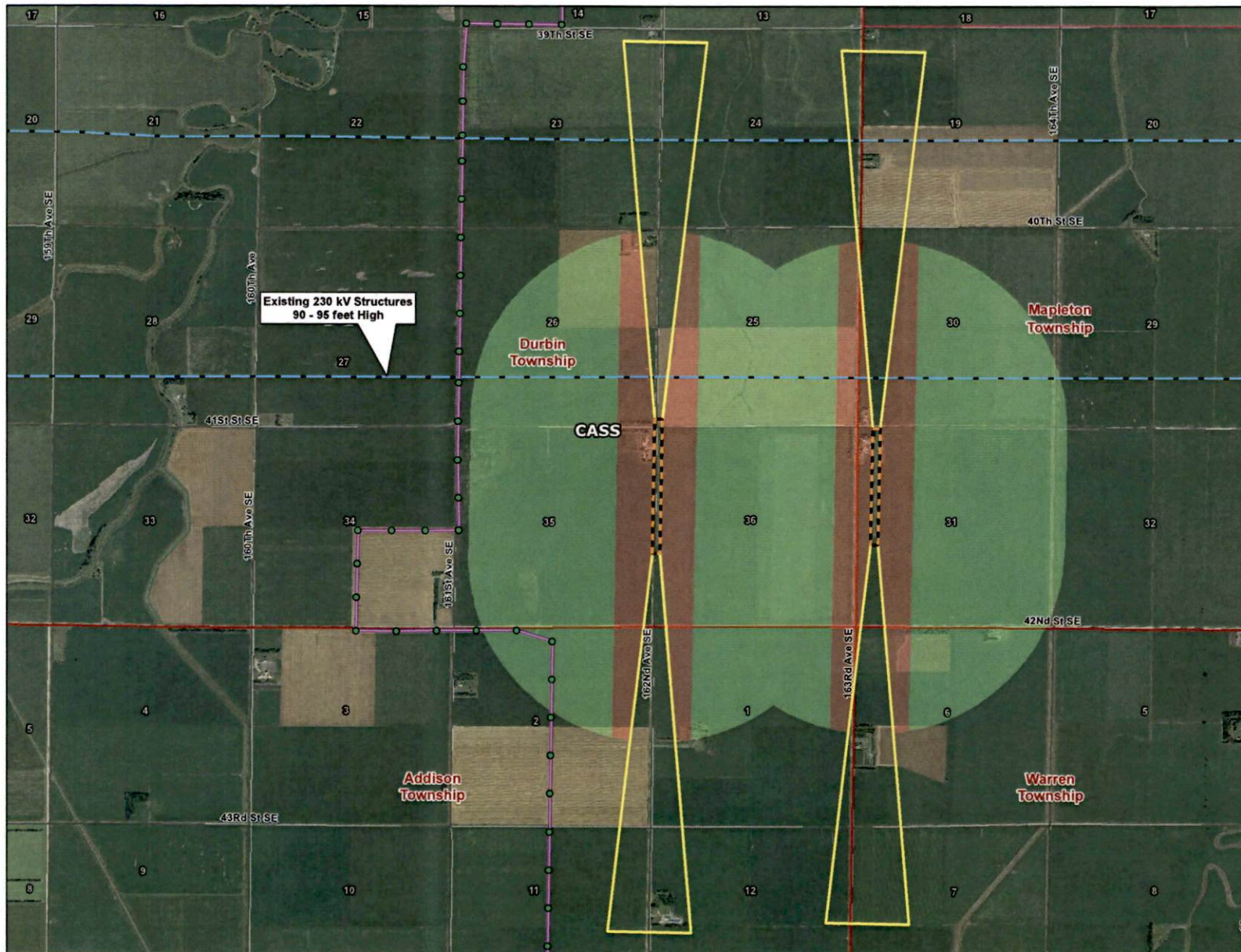
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Lisa M. Ruffenont
Notary Public



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Schedule 1 to Lahr Affidavit



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- Proposed Pole Location
- Proposed Alignment
- FAA Maximum Allowable Height (150 ft)
- FAA Maximum Allowable Heights (1 - 150 ft)
- Primary Surface
- Approach Slope Clearance Zone
- Municipal Boundary
- Township Boundary
- Existing Substation

Existing Transmission Line

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FAA Standards Source:
NDCC 6-02-03

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**Fargo to St. Cloud
ND Kraft Airport
Clearance Zones**

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May 29, 2012

Mr. Dean Kraft
16305 41st Avenue SE
Mapleton, ND 58059-9723

**Re: *In the Matter of the Application for a Route Permit for the Fargo to St. Cloud
345 kV Transmission Line Project
MPUC No. ET-2, E-002/TL-09-1056***

Dear Mr. Kraft:

Thank you for talking with me on Friday regarding the route for the Fargo to St. Cloud 345 kV Project.

As you are aware, we have working diligently with your neighbors to develop a new route by your property to move it farther away from your airstrips. I was pleased to hear that the new route segment along 160th Avenue SE is acceptable to you and addresses the concerns you raised at hearing.

I understand that the right-of-way team has made an offer to you for the easement on your property and that you dispute the amount of compensation. Our right-of-way team will continue working with you on easements issues. The contact information for right-of-way is Oly Olafson, (701) 205-8855.

Should you have any questions about the route for the Project, please contact me by telephone at (763) 493-1808 or by email at: darrin.f.lahr@xcelenergy.com.

Sincerely,

Darrin F. Lahr
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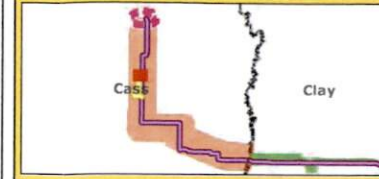
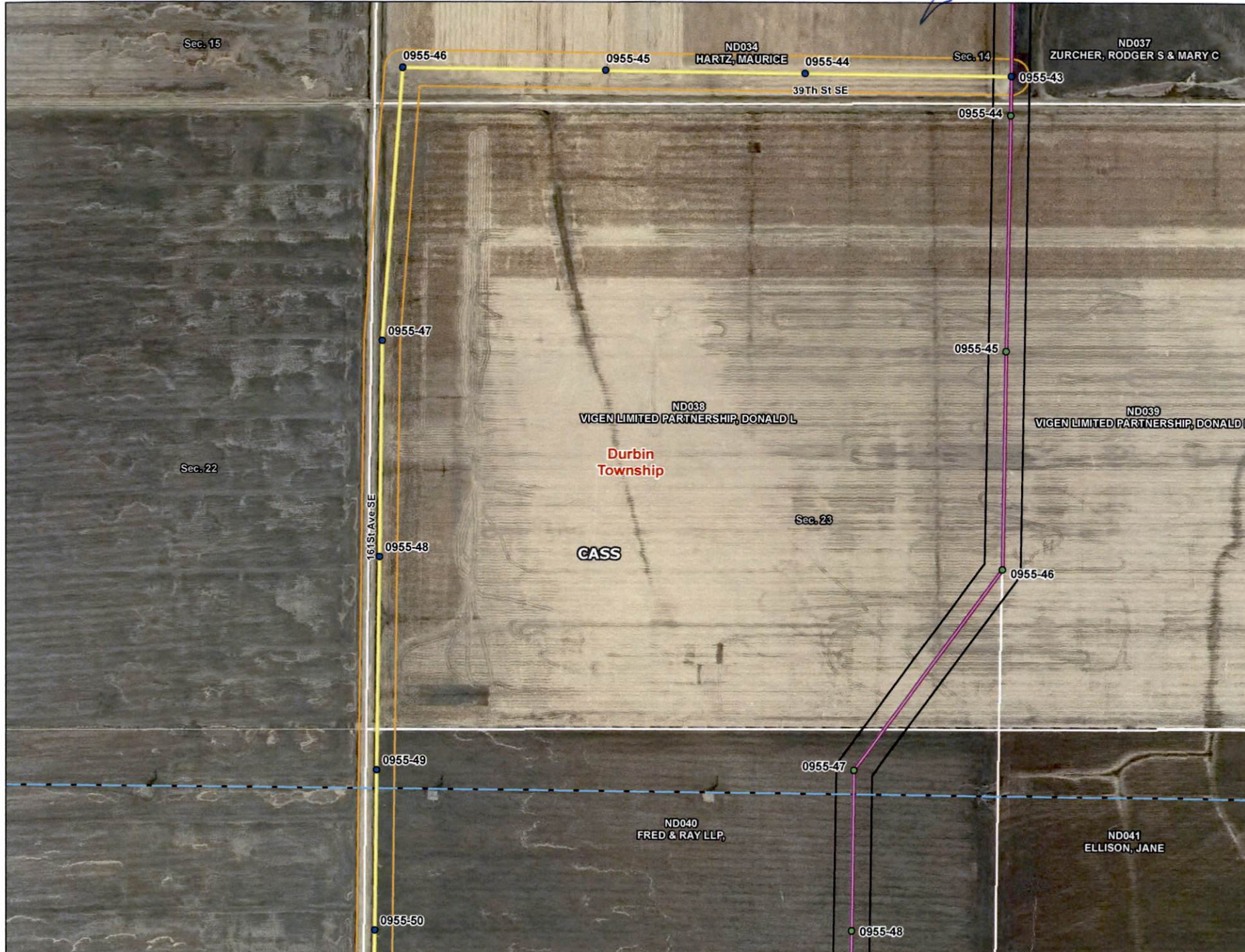
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Donald L. Vigen

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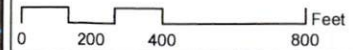
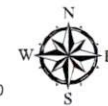
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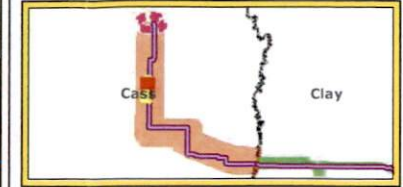
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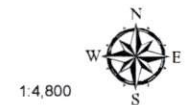
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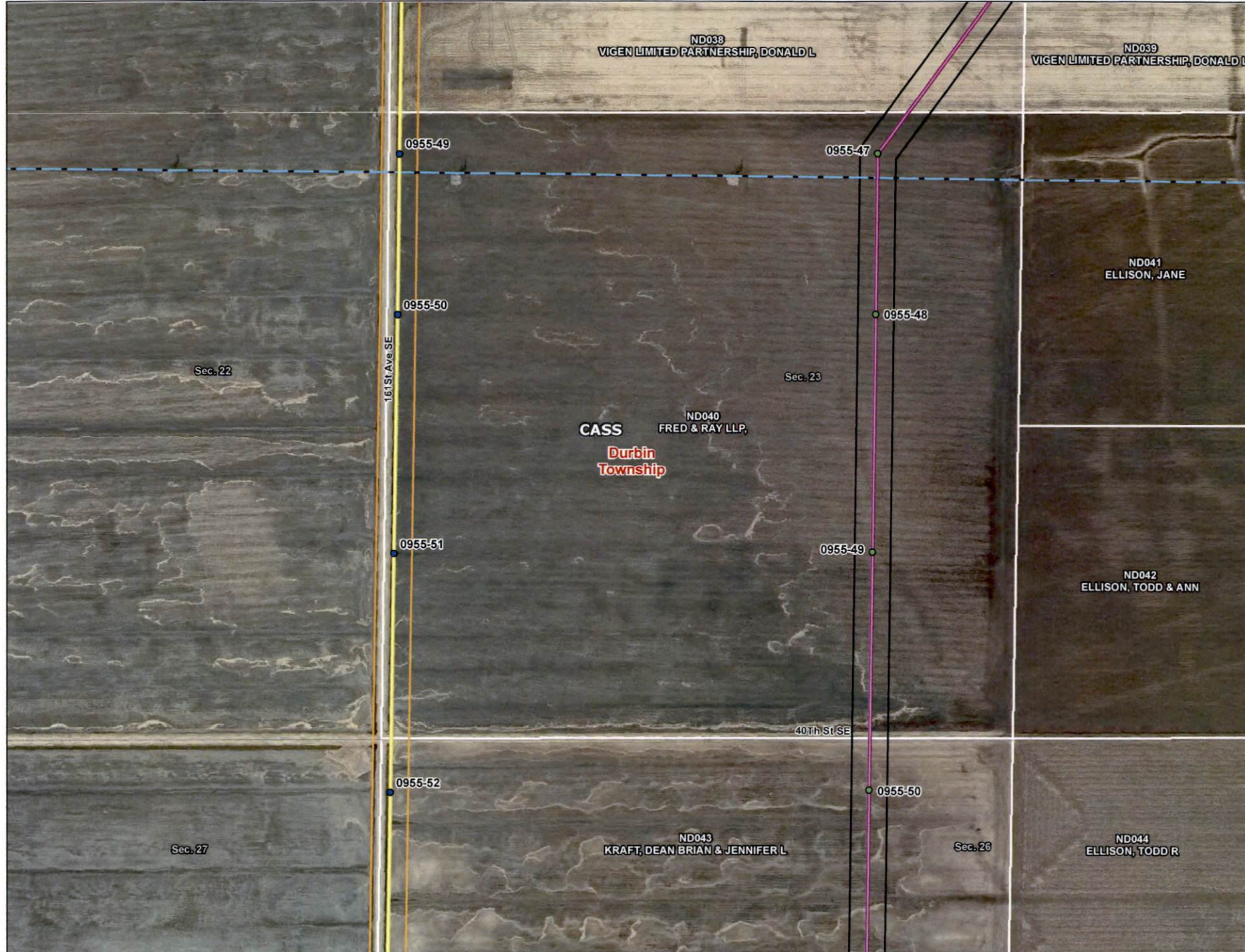
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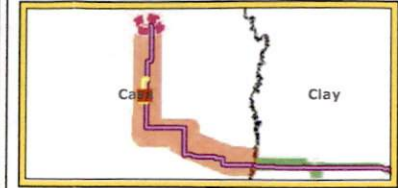
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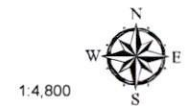
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*Kirk Cosse - 701-235-3911
Cell# 701-238-7435*



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Sandra Cosette & Bruce Cosette



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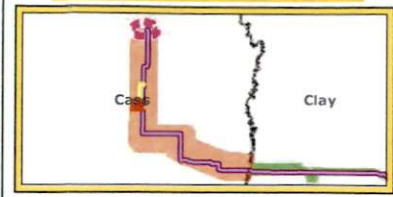
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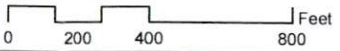
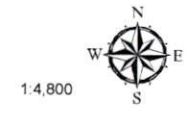


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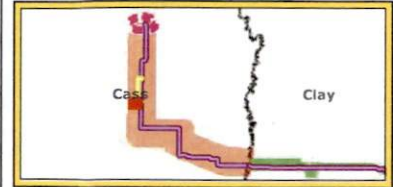
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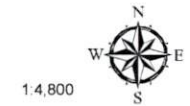
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Steve Miller TTE Miller Farm Trust Schedule 3 to Lahr Affidavit



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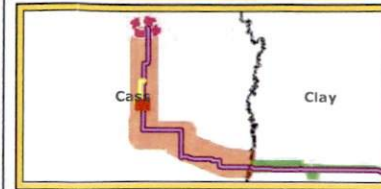
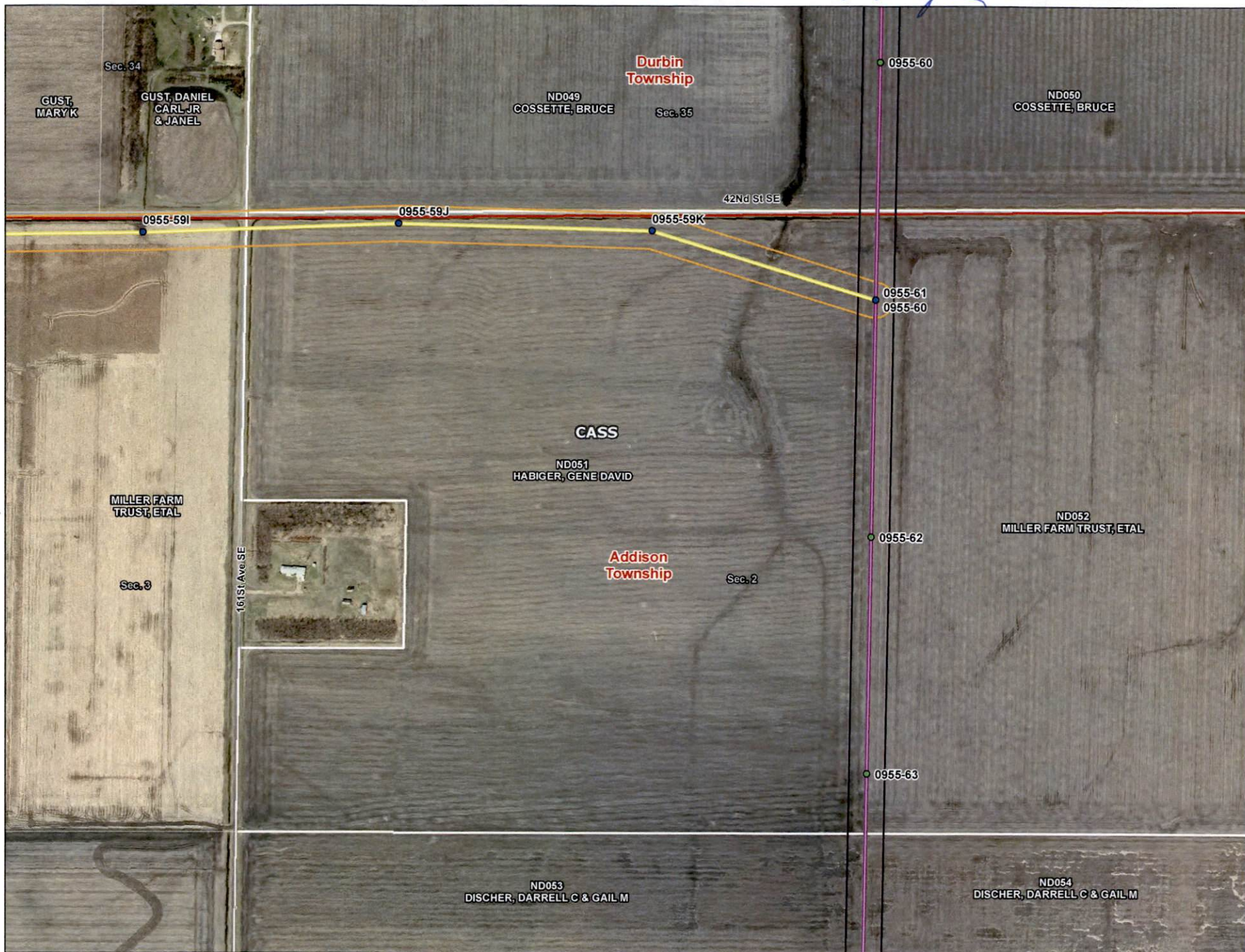
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Gene Habiger

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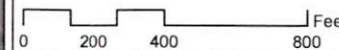
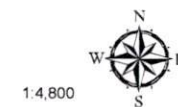


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