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VIA FEDEX

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 CapX Transmission Line Siting Application
 Case No. PU-07-759**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation ("Xcel Energy" or the "Company"), intends to proceed with construction of one span of Segment 2 of the CapX2020 Fargo Transmission Line ("Project") in Pleasant Township, Cass County, North Dakota, Poles Nos. 148 and 149. Xcel Energy hereby submits the following data in compliance with North Dakota Public Service Commission's September 12, 2012 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

- Attachment 1: State Historic Preservation Office letter dated December 11, 2011 accepting Xcel Energy's initial Class I literature search and Class III intensive archeological investigation report for the Project along the approved route in Cass County and concurring with Xcel Energy's determination of No Historic Properties Affected and No Significant Sites Affected (this includes the area at Poles Nos. 148 and 149);
- Attachment 2: One set of 8.5" x 11" paper design drawings for Pole Nos. 148 and 149; and
- Attachment 3: One overview map showing the route and pole placement for Poles Nos. 148 and 149.

The balance of Segment 2 design drawings and survey data will be submitted prior to any construction in that area.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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

Darrin F. Lahr

Cc (w/encl.): Jerry Lein

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**NDSHPO REF.: 11-0928 PSC Xcel Energy and Great River Energy
CapX2020 Fargo to St. Cloud 345kV Transmission Line Project "Class I
Literature Search and Class III Intensive Archaeological Investigation of the
CapX2020 Fargo to St. Cloud Project, Cass County, North Dakota"**

Dear Ms. Murphy,

We reviewed NDSHPO REF.: 11-0928 PSC Xcel Energy and Great River Energy CapX2020 Fargo to St. Cloud 345kV Transmission Line Project "Class I Literature Search and Class III Intensive Archaeological Investigation of the CapX2020 Fargo to St. Cloud Project, Cass County, North Dakota," and find the captioned report acceptable.

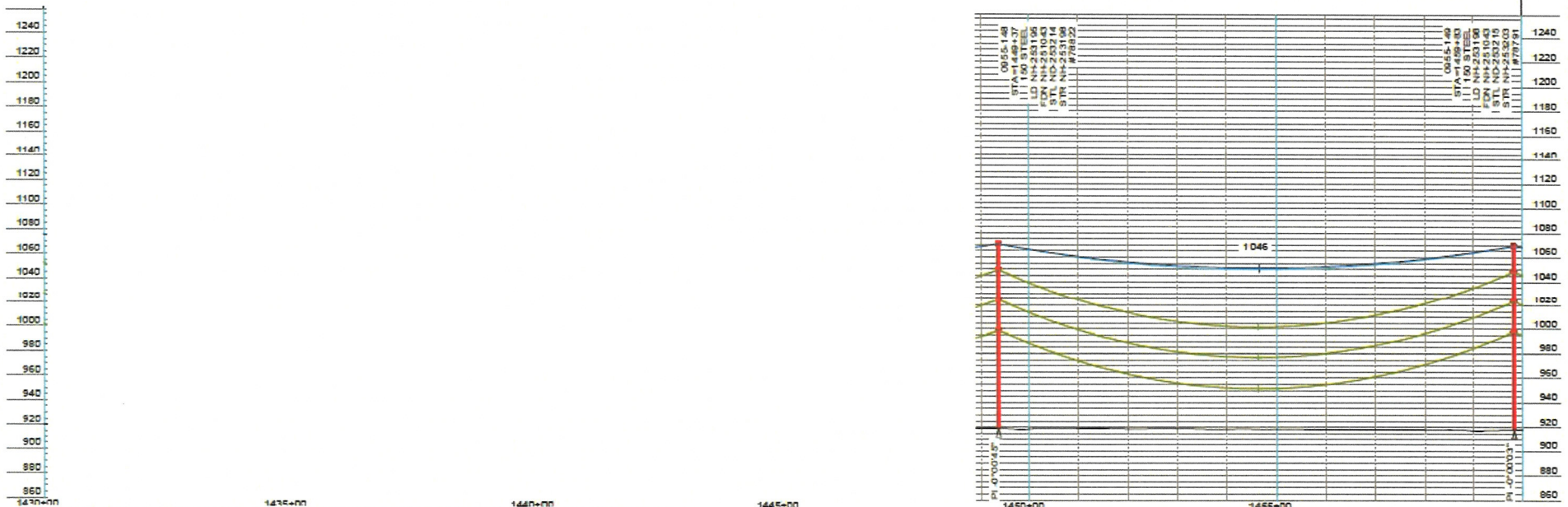
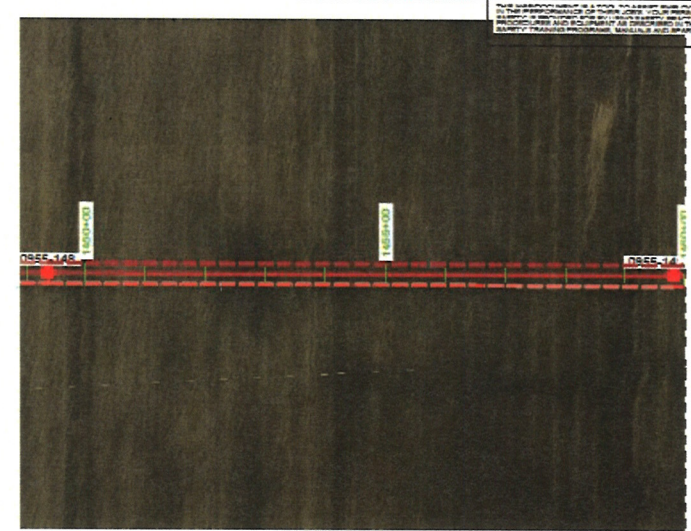
If consulted by a federal or state agency, we would concur with "No Historic Properties Affected" and "No Significant Sites Affected" determinations provided for the surveyed portions of the project, provided it remains as described and mapped in the report.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. We look forward to review of the remaining approximately 573 acres and the Bison Substation section of the project. If you have questions please contact Susan Quinnell at squinnell@nd.gov or (701) 328-3576.

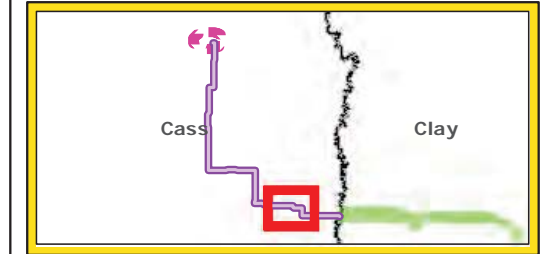
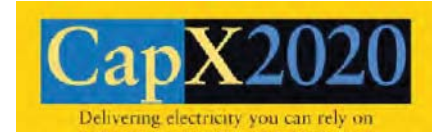
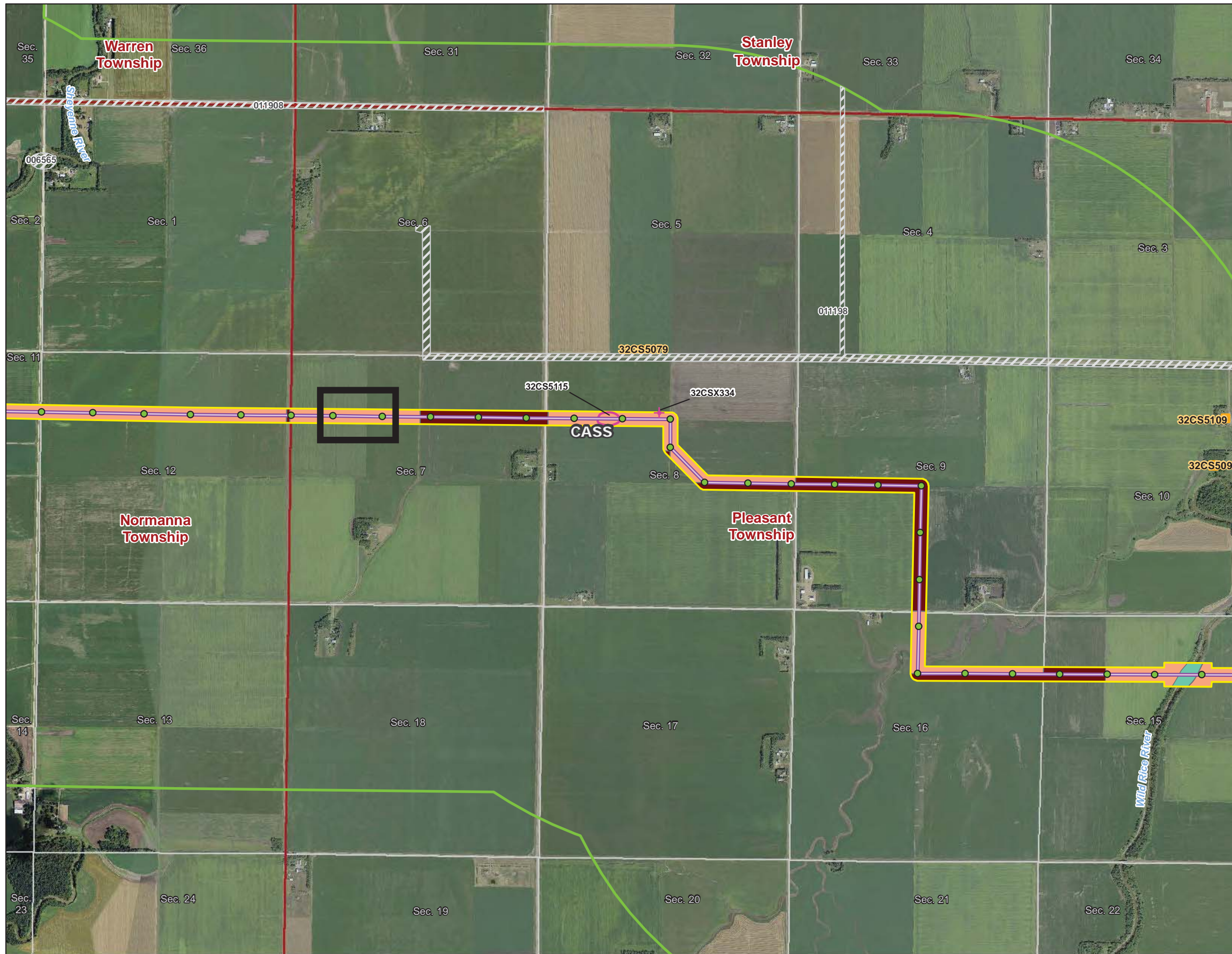
Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

C: Mr. Patrick Fahn, PSC

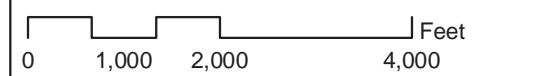
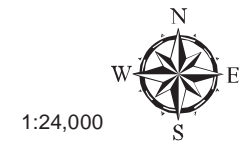


NDPSC REVIEW- SEGMENT #2 12/10/2012



Legend

- Preliminary Pole Location
- Preliminary Alignment
- 3 Mile Corridor
- Survey Corridor
- Surveyed Area - Pedestrian
- Surveyed Area - Shovel Test
- Unsurveyed Area
- New Archaeological Site
- Known Archaeological Sites
- Previously Surveyed Area
- Municipal Boundary
- Township Boundary
- Section Line



**Fargo to St. Cloud 345 kV
Transmission Line Project
ND Cultural Surveys**

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