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July 1, 2013

VIA FEDEX

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

Re: Request for Four Route and Corridor Changes
Northern States Power Company
Fargo-St. Cloud MN 345 kV CapX Transmission Line Siting Application
Case No. PU-07-759

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation ("NSP"), submits this application for four route and corridor changes to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order dated September 12, 2012 approving a route and a corridor for the Fargo-St. Cloud 345 kV CapX2020 transmission line ("Order"). The four modifications are requested to address landowner and engineering concerns and the affected landowners agree with the changes. This application contains the supporting documentation, a discussion of the specific reasons for the adjustments, confirmation of local governmental approvals, evaluation of the exclusion and avoidance criteria and information relating to associated State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO") review.

Documents

The four modifications are located in Cass County and do no impact any new landowners. In support of these requests, NSP submits the following documents:

- Attachment 1: Map set of existing and proposed route and corridor
- Attachment 2: Pleasant Township approval
- Attachment 3: SHPO concurrence letter dated June 4, 2013
- Attachment 4: Verification of Thomas Hillstrom

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Application for 4 route and corridor changes
Northern States Power Company
Thomas G. Hillstrom

Requested Route and Corridor Changes

Each of the four changes requires approval of a modification to the route and corridor approved in the Order:

Change 1: Change one in Durbin Township is a design modification to relocate two poles farther from the Maple River. To accommodate this change, poles 29, 28 and 27 would be moved approximately 38, 75 and 249 feet north, respectively, resulting in a route shift and a slight expansion of the corridor. All three poles remain in the approved corridor but some right-of-way is outside the corridor. The two affected landowners support this adjustment.

Change 2: Change two in Durbin and Addison townships was requested by the landowner to better accommodate property ownership lines after an inheritance where the land was split into two parcels. The modified alignment keeps the line on one of the two parcels. This change involves elimination of two poles and a shift in pole location from the section line, 1,067 feet to the east.

Change 3: Change three in Normanna Township was requested by the landowner and the CE Cass Water Resource District to facilitate maintenance of the ditch. The ditch is necessary to manage runoff on the landowner's property. The change moves two poles, 134 and 135, 80 and 266 feet south, respectively.

Change 4: The landowners requested a 90-degree turn on the edge of the parcel in Pleasant Township rather than a diagonal crossing to minimize impacts on farming operations. Change four adds one new pole on the corner, approximately 525 feet southwest of the route centerline, and moves one pole, 156, 182 feet to the south.

These four changes alter the route and the corridor as shown on **Attachment 1**. NSP seeks approval of the changes as shown on this map set. All landowners have signed options for easements, pending Commission approval.

Local approvals

The modifications are located in Durbin, Addison, Normanna and Pleasant townships. The conditional use permits in Durbin, Addison and Normanna townships authorize Changes 1 through 3 as proposed in this filing. For Change 4 in Pleasant Township, further township review was required. On June 25, 2013 Pleasant Township approved Change No. 4. **Attachment 2**.

Analysis of exclusion and avoidance criteria

No exclusion or avoidance area is impacted by any of the proposed route and corridor changes. N.D. Admin. Code §69-06-08-01(1) and N.D. Admin. Code §69-06-08-01(3).

SHPO Status

NSP submitted a Class III Archaeological Investigation Report Submittal Addendum II in Cass County, North Dakota dated May 2013. On June 4, 2013, SHPO sent a letter accepting NSP's report and concurring with NSP's determination of "No Significant Sites" state level determination for the areas affected by the four proposed route changes. **Attachment 3**.

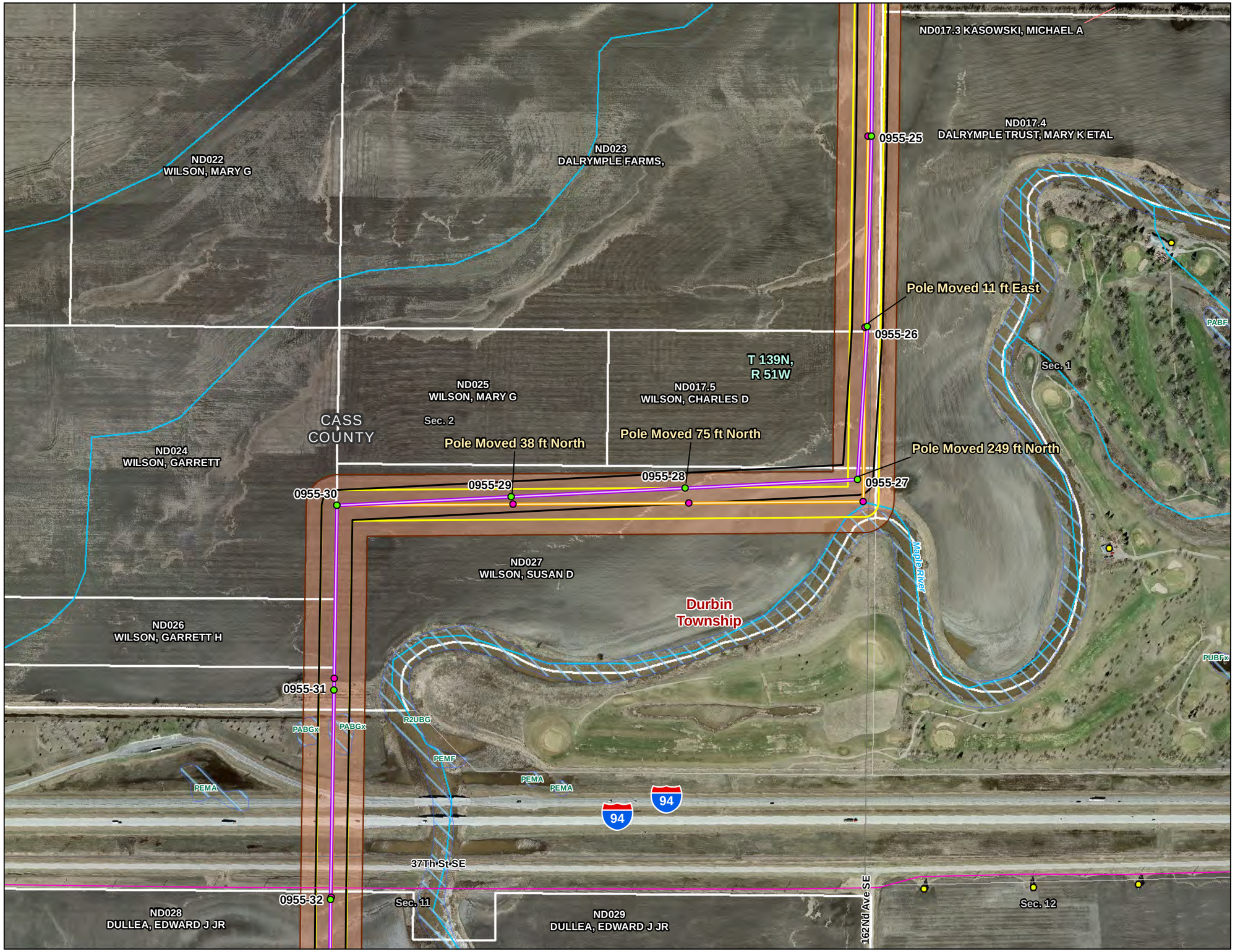
Closing

A verification for this submission is enclosed as **Attachment 4**. NSP respectfully requests that the Commission approve the four route and corridor changes detailed in this filing, as shown on **Attachment 1**. If you have any questions, please contact me at (612) 584-8783.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Hillstrom

TGH/rlr
Enclosures



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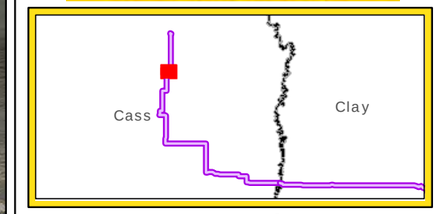

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- Proposed Pole Location
- PSC Approved Pole Location
- Proposed Route/Corridor
- PSC Approved Route
- Proposed ROW
- PSC Approved ROW
- River/Stream
- Residence
- Non-residential Structure
- NWI Wetland
- Approved ND Corridor
- Municipal Boundary
- Township Boundary
- Section Line
- Parcel Boundary
- Existing Substation

Existing Transmission Line (kV)

- 345
- 250
- 230
- 115
- 69

N W E S

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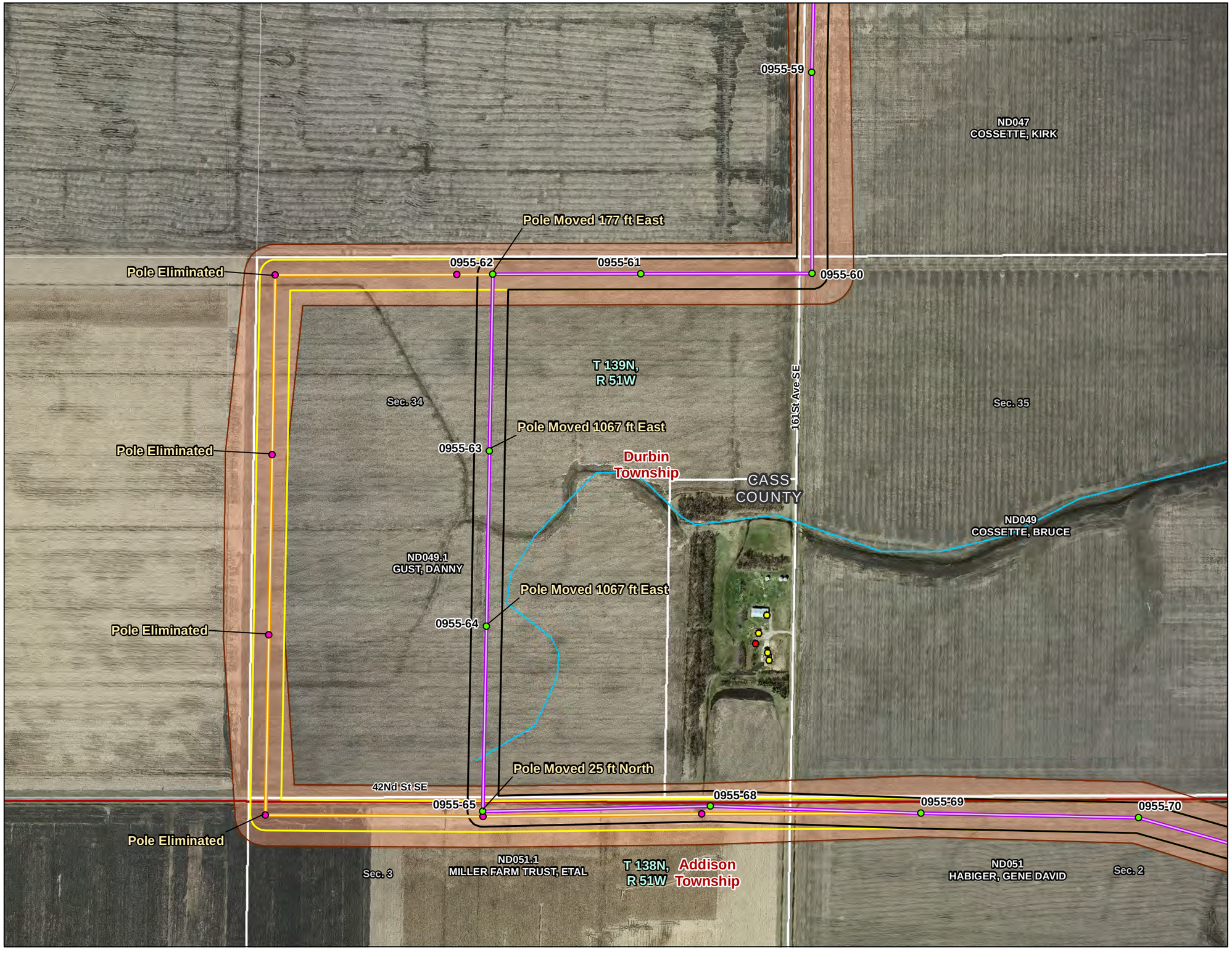

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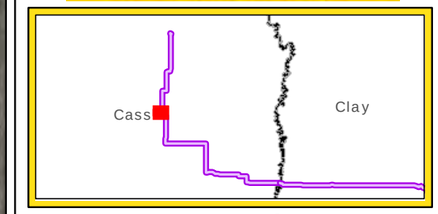

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- 345
- 250
- 230
- 115
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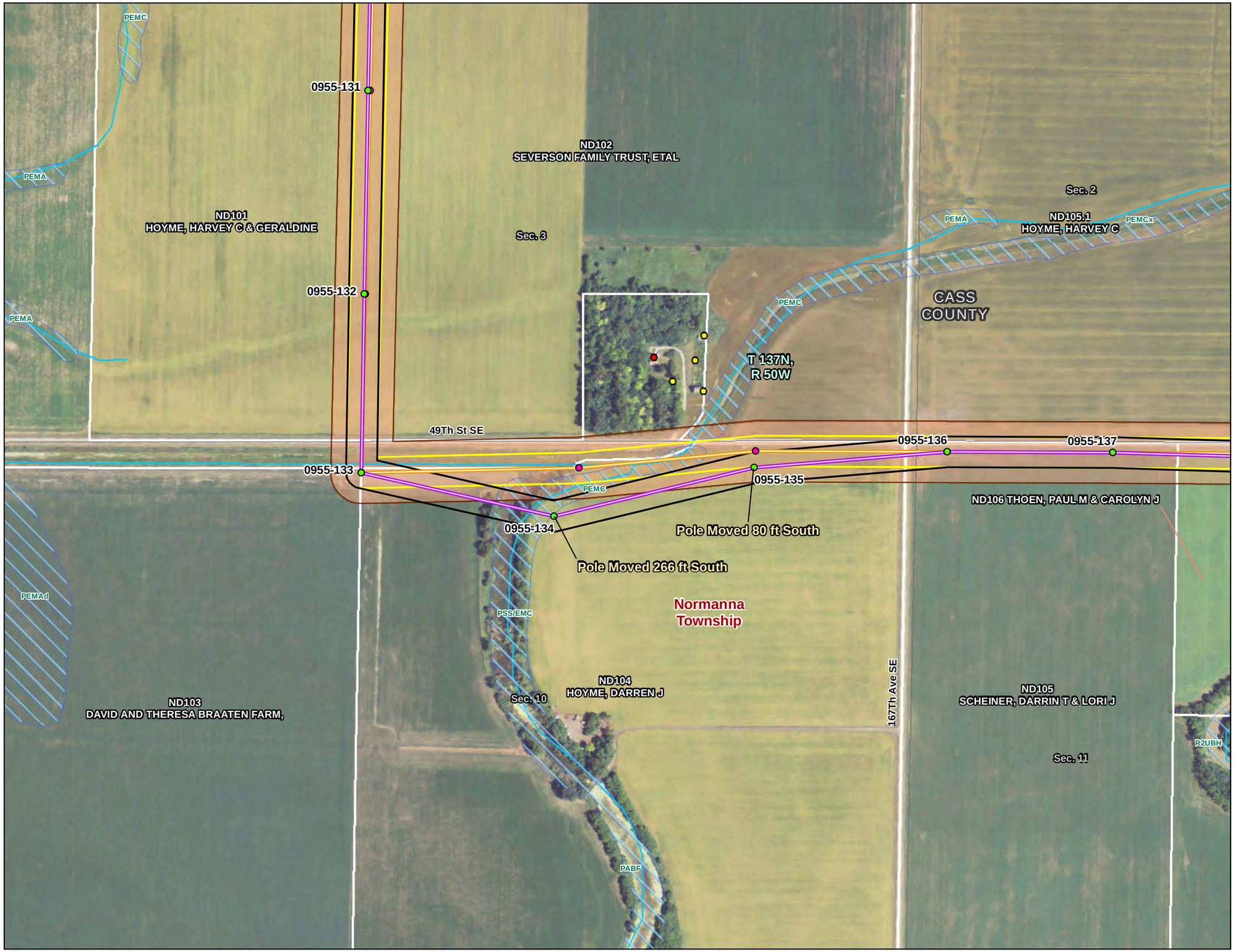

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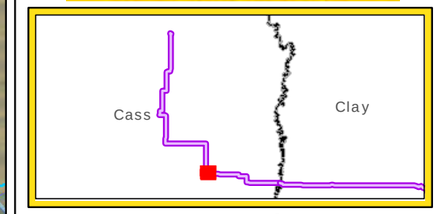

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- 345
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- 230
- 115
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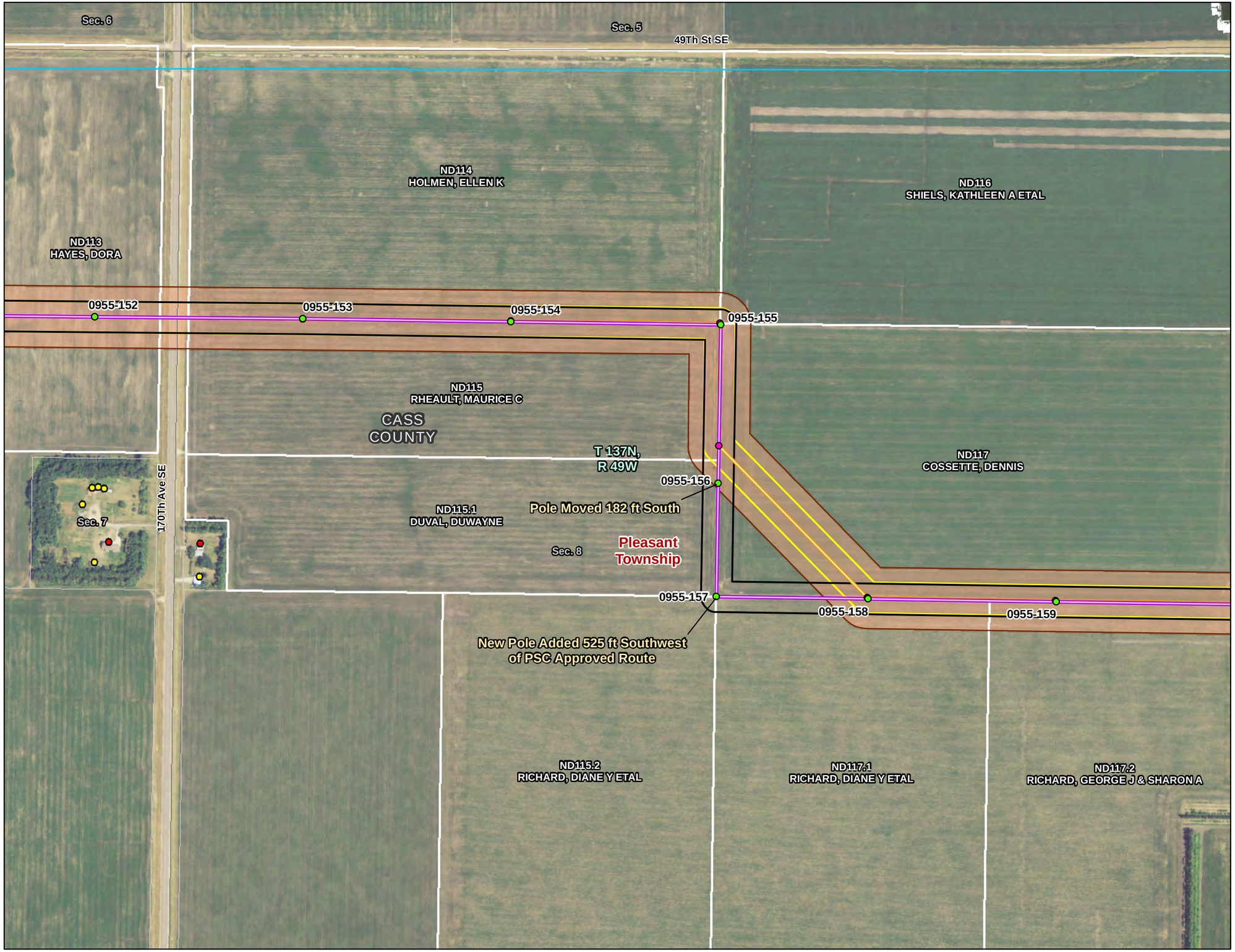

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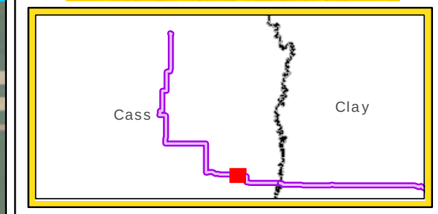

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- 345
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Fargo to St. Cloud 345 kV Transmission Line Project Reroute 4 (Cossette Property)

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PLEASANT TOWNSHIP
ZONING MEETING
Tuesday, June 25 2013
6:30PM
Hickson Community Center, Hickson, ND
(Moved to the Knickerbocker due to a scheduling conflict at the Community Center)

Officers: Steve Brakke, Brett Odegaard, Dennis Biewer, Cindy Quibell, MaryJane Nipstad

Officers Present: Steve Brakke, Brett Odegaard, Dennis Biewer, MaryJane Nipstad, Bob Staloch

Public Attendance: 7

AGENDA

I. Call to Order: MaryJane Nipstad, Clerk

II. CAPX2020 – Application of Variance Requests

Pleasant Township issued a Condition Use Permit on March 20, 2012. Certain landowners have requested that the transmission line be slightly realigned and that certain structures be located nearer to the edge of their fields to reduce impacts on their farming operations.

Exhibit A (See attached map and signatures) – The owners of four parcels along the permitted route have requested that the route over their properties be realigned in a way that the impacts on their farming operations can be reduced. The minor realignment involves three structures and all the owners of the affected properties are requesting the change. This would involve moving the transmission line from a 45 degree angle to a 90 degree angle. The following owners are:

- Maurice and Joyce Rheault
- Arcade and Rosemarie Duval
- Dennis and Nancy Cossette
- Diane, Norbert, and Gail Richard as trustees of certain trusts

A motion was made and approved for the request of the minor route realignment. (Odeggard/Biewer)

Exhibit B (See attached maps and signatures) – The owners of six parcels on which transmission line structures will be constructed are requesting approval of variances from road right-of-way setback requirements. Granting the variances will allow the transmission line structures to be placed near the edge of the fields, which will minimize impacts on the owners' farming operations. The following owners are:

- Charles and Cheryl Evert – Structure 147
- Dennis and Nancy Cossette / George and Sharon Richard – Structure 160
- Steve and Colleen Brakke – Structures 175 & 177
- Orten and Sandra Brodshaug – Structure 182
- Ida Bye – Structure 185

A motion was made and approved on the applications for variances from road right-of-way setback requirements as follows:

- Charles and Cheryl Evert – Structure 147
  (Odeggard/Biewer)
- Dennis and Nancy Cossette / George and Sharon Richard – Structure 160
  (Odeggard/Biewer)
- Steve and Colleen Brakke – Structures 175 & 177
  (Biewer / Odegaard)
- Orten and Sandra Brodshaug – Structure 182
  (Biewer / Brakke)
- Ida Bye – Structure 185
  (Odegaard / Brakke)

III. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm (Brakke/Biewer)

Addendum to Zoning Meeting:

Call to order: MaryJane Nipstad, Clerk – 7:15pm

Immediately after the hearing the board of supervisors met to approve the following:

From Exhibit A above, motion to change the power line route in the north east quarter of section 8 from a 45 degree corner to a 90 degree corner.
(Brakke/Odeggard)

From Exhibit B above, motion to approve the zoning commission's recommendations for approval of the six variances to change the power line placements. This includes all of the following structures (147,160,177,182,185).
(Odegaard/Biewer)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm (Brakke/Biewer)

We, the undersigned, are the fee owners of property crossed by the CapX2020 345 kV transmission line project.

We acknowledge, recommend and approve of a shift in the route as set forth on the attached map. The route adjustment allows for less impact to our farming operations.

We respectfully request the route adjustment be approved.

Project Parcel No. ND115

Maurice C. Rheault — 2-12-13 Date

Joyce Rheault — 2-12-13 Date

Project Parcel No. ND115.1

Arcade J. Duval — 2-12-13 Date

Rosemarie Duval — 2-12-13 Date

Project Parcel No. ND117

Dennis Cossette — 2-22-13 Date

Nancy Cossette — 2-22-13 Date

Project Parcel No. ND115.2 & 117.1

Diane Y. Richard, Norbert J. Richard and Gail A. Richard, as Trustees of the Richard Revocable Trust 2007 dated November 14, 2007 and Norbert J. Richard and Diane Y. Richard, as Co-Trustees of The Claire Richard Special Needs Trust of The Donat and Maria Richard Family 1982 Revocable Trust, Dated March 3, 1983

Diane Y. Richard — Date

Norbert J. Richard — Date

Gail A. Richard — Date

EXHIBIT
A

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Diane Y. Richard — Date 2/20/13

Norbert J. Richard — Date 2/20/13

Gail A. Richard — Date 2/20/13

Pleasant Township
Application for Variance

Exhibit B – Str. # 160

Date: _____, 2013
Fee: $_____

Present Zoning: Agriculture

Applicant: George J. & Sharon A. Richard

Address: 2311 Victoria Rose Drive
Fargo, ND 58104

For: To place the electric transmission line structure at the edge of the field (as depicted on enclosed sketch) to minimize impact on landowner's use of property, rather than placing the structure into the field to comply with setback requirements absent approval of the variance.

Legal Description: The Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Eight (8), Township One Hundred Thirty-seven (137) North, Range Forty-nine (49) West, Cass County, North Dakota.

Description of Variance: Allow CapX2020 to place the electric transmission line structure for the Cap X2020 project at the edge of the field.

Sketch of Request to be attached: Yes

Signature of Applicant: [signature]

Date: 3/5/2013

Public Hearing Date Set: 6-25-13

ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS: Approved X Denied _____

Comments or Special Conditions: -

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP BOARD ACTIONS: Approved X Denied _____

Zoning Administrator's Signature: Robert L Stabeck Date: 6-25-13

Chairman, Pleasant Township: [signature] Date: 6-25-13

Clerk, Pleasant Township: [signature] Date: 6/25/13

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Exhibit B - Str. # 147

Pleasant Township
Application for Variance

Date: _____, 2013
Fee: $_____

Present Zoning: Agriculture

Applicant: Cheryl & Charles Evert

Address: 23168 Oak Leaf Lane
Battle Lake, MN 56515

For: To place the electric transmission line structure at the edge of the field (as depicted on enclosed sketch) to minimize impact on landowner's use of property, rather than placing the structure into the field to comply with setback requirements absent approval of the variance.

Legal Description: The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Seven (7), Township One Hundred Thirty-seven (137) North of Range Forty-nine (49) West, Cass County, North Dakota.

Description of Variance: Allow Cap X2020 to place the electric transmission line structure for the Cap X 2020 project at the edge of the field

Sketch of Request to be attached: Yes

Signature of Applicant: Cheryl L. Evert

Date: 1-16-13

Public Hearing Date Set: 6-25-13

ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS: Approved X Denied _____

Comments or Special Conditions: -

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP BOARD ACTIONS: Approved X Denied _____

Zoning Administrator's Signature: Robert L Stabek Date: 6-25-13

Chairman, Pleasant Township: Steve Brakke Date: 6-25-13

Clerk, Pleasant Township: Mary Jones Date: 6/25/13

Exhibit B - Str. # 160

Pleasant Township
Application for Variance

Date: _____, 2013
Fee: $_____

Present Zoning: Agriculture

Applicant: Dennis & Nancy Cossette

Address: 3547 44th Avenue South
Fargo, ND 58104

For: To place the electric transmission line structure at the edge of the field (as depicted on enclosed sketch) to minimize impact on landowner's use of property, rather than placing the structure into the field to comply with setback requirements absent approval of the variance.

Legal Description: The South Half of the Northwest Quarter (S1/2NW1/4) of Section Eight (8), Township One Hundred Thirty-seven (137) North, Range Forty-nine (49) West, Cass County, North Dakota.

Description of Variance: Allow CapX2020 to place the electric transmission line structure for the Cap X2020 project at the edge of the field.

Sketch of Request to be attached: Yes

Signature of Applicant: Dennis Cossette

Date: 1-29-13

Public Hearing Date Set: 6-25-13

ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS: Approved X Denied _____

Comments or Special Conditions: -

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP BOARD ACTIONS: Approved X Denied _____

Zoning Administrator's Signature: Robert L Stabel Date: 6-25-13

Chairman, Pleasant Township: Steve Brakke Date: 6-25-13

Clerk, Pleasant Township: Mary Jo Date: 6/25/13

Pleasant Township
Application for Variance

Exhibit B - Str. # 175 & 177

Date: 1-16 - , 2013
Fee: $

Present Zoning: Agriculture

Applicant: Steven & Colleen Brakke

Address: 5060 173rd Avenue SE
Hickson, ND 58047

For: To place the electric transmission line structure at the edge of the field (as depicted on enclosed sketch) to minimize impact on landowner's use of property, rather than placing the structure into the field to comply with setback requirements absent approval of the variance.

Legal Description: The West One-half (W1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Fourteen (14), Township One Hundred Thirty-seven (137) North of Range Forty-nine (49) West, Cass County, North Dakota.

Description of Variance: Allow Cap X2020 to place the electric transmission line structure for the Cap X 2020 project at the edge of the field

Sketch of Request to be attached: Yes

Signature of Applicant: Steve Brakke

Date: 1-16-13

Public Hearing Date Set: 6-25-13

ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS: Approved X Denied

Comments or Special Conditions: -

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP BOARD ACTIONS: Approved X Denied

Zoning Administrator's Signature: Robert L Stabel Date: 6-25-13

Chairman, Pleasant Township: Steve Brakke Date: 6-25-13

Clerk, Pleasant Township: Mary Jo Date: 6/25/13

Pleasant Township
Application for Variance

Exhibit B - Str. #182

Date: MARCH 9, 2013
Fee: $_____

Present Zoning: Agriculture

Applicant: Orten & Sandra Brodshaug

Address: 17219 52nd Street SE
Horace, ND 58047

For: To place the electric transmission line structure at the edge of the field (as depicted on enclosed sketch) to minimize impact on landowner's use of property, rather than placing the structure into the field to comply with setback requirements absent approval of the variance.

Legal Description: The Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Thirteen (13) and the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Fourteen (14), Township One Hundred Thirty-seven (137) North, Range Forty-nine (49) West, Cass County, North Dakota.

Description of Variance: Allow CapX2020 to place the electric transmission line structure for the Cap X2020 project at the edge of the field.

Sketch of Request to be attached: Yes

Signature of Applicant: Orten Brodshaug

Date: MARCH 9, 2013

Public Hearing Date Set: 6-25-13

ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS: Approved X Denied _____

Comments or Special Conditions: -

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP BOARD ACTIONS: Approved X Denied _____

Zoning Administrator's Signature: Robert L Stalock Date: 6-25-13

Chairman, Pleasant Township: Steve Brakke Date: 6-25-13

Clerk, Pleasant Township: [signature] Date: 6/25/13

Pleasant Township
Application for Variance

Exhibit B - Str. # 185

Date: _____, 2013
Fee: $_____

Present Zoning: Agriculture

Applicant: Ida A. Bye - Trustee
Ida Bye Trust

Address: 3206 30th Avenue South
Fargo, ND 58103

For: To place the electric transmission line structure at the edge of the field (as depicted on enclosed sketch) to minimize impact on landowner's use of property, rather than placing the structure into the field to comply with setback requirements absent approval of the variance.

Legal Description: Part of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Eighteen (18), Township One Hundred Thirty-seven (137) North of Range Forty-eight (48) West, Cass County, North Dakota.

Description of Variance: Allow Cap X2020 to place the electric transmission line structure for the Cap X 2020 project at the edge of the field

Sketch of Request to be attached: Yes

Signature of Applicant: Ida A Bye

Date: 7/22/13

Public Hearing Date Set: 6-25-13

ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS: Approved X Denied _____

Comments or Special Conditions: -

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP BOARD ACTIONS: Approved X Denied _____

Zoning Administrator's Signature: Robert L Stabel Date: 6-25-13

Chairman, Pleasant Township: Steve Brakke Date: 6-25-13

Clerk, Pleasant Township: [illegible] Date: 6/25/13

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Ms. Doni Murphy
Project Manager
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Suite 1-7000
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008-4242

ND SHPO Ref: 11-0928 ND PSC "CapX2020 Fargo to St. Cloud 345kV Transmission Line Project: Class III Archaeological Investigation Report Submittal Addendum II in Cass County, North Dakota"

Dear Ms. Murphy,

We reviewed ND SHPO Ref: 11-0928 ND PSC "CapX2020 Fargo to St. Cloud 345kV Transmission Line Project: Class III Archaeological Investigation Report Submittal Addendum II in Cass County, North Dakota." We concur with "No Significant Sites" state level determination for this project, provided it remains as described and mapped in your above-referenced Class III Inventory dated May 2013.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project to date. We look forward to review of the remaining survey. Please include the ND SHPO reference number listed above in any further correspondence for these specific projects. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Quinnell, Review & Compliance Coordinator 701-328-3576, e-mail: squinnell@nd.gov

Sincerely,

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

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
FARGO-MONTICELLO MN 345 KV
CAP-X TRANSMISSION LINE
SITING APPLICATION

CASE NO. PU-07-759

VERIFICATION

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

I, Thomas Hillstrom, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that he is a Permitting Manager, for Xcel Energy Services Inc. as agent for Permittee Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, in the above captioned matter; that he has read the Request for Four Route and Corridor Changes submitted herewith, knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Thomas Hillstrom

Signed and sworn to before me on July 1, 2013 by Thomas Hillstrom.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: Jan. 31, 2018

RACHEL L ROLSETH
Notary Public
Minnesota
My Commission Expires January 31, 2018