

March 18, 2011

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**RE: Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.  
345 kV Transmission Line – Center  
to Grand Forks – Siting Application  
Case No. PU-09-670**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On February 18, 2011, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (“Minnkota”), filed an Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility (“Application”) with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for its Center to Grand Forks 345 kV Transmission Line Project (“Project”). Since filing the Application, the Project Corridor has been modified slightly near Painted Woods Township in Burleigh County, North Dakota. A map depicting both the Project Corridor as filed and the modified Project Corridor is enclosed. Minnkota will provide the Commission with updated Figures for the Application that depict the Project Corridor as modified, as well as an updated Corridor Description (pages 4-1 to 4-2 of the Application), no later than one (1) week prior to the date of the first public hearing.

Also enclosed is a map depicting the Project Corridor that is suitable for publication with the notice of hearings. Please note that the map for publication depicts the modified Project Corridor.

By copy of this letter, the auditors for each county in which any part of the proposed Project Corridor will be located are being served with the maps referenced above and an Affidavit of Service. In addition to the originals, ten (10) copies of this letter, the maps, and the Affidavit of Service, as well as a CD containing each document in PDF format, are provided herewith.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



MOLLIE M. SMITH

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**Modified project corridor map and map for  
publication**

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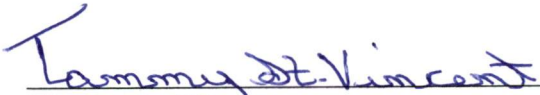
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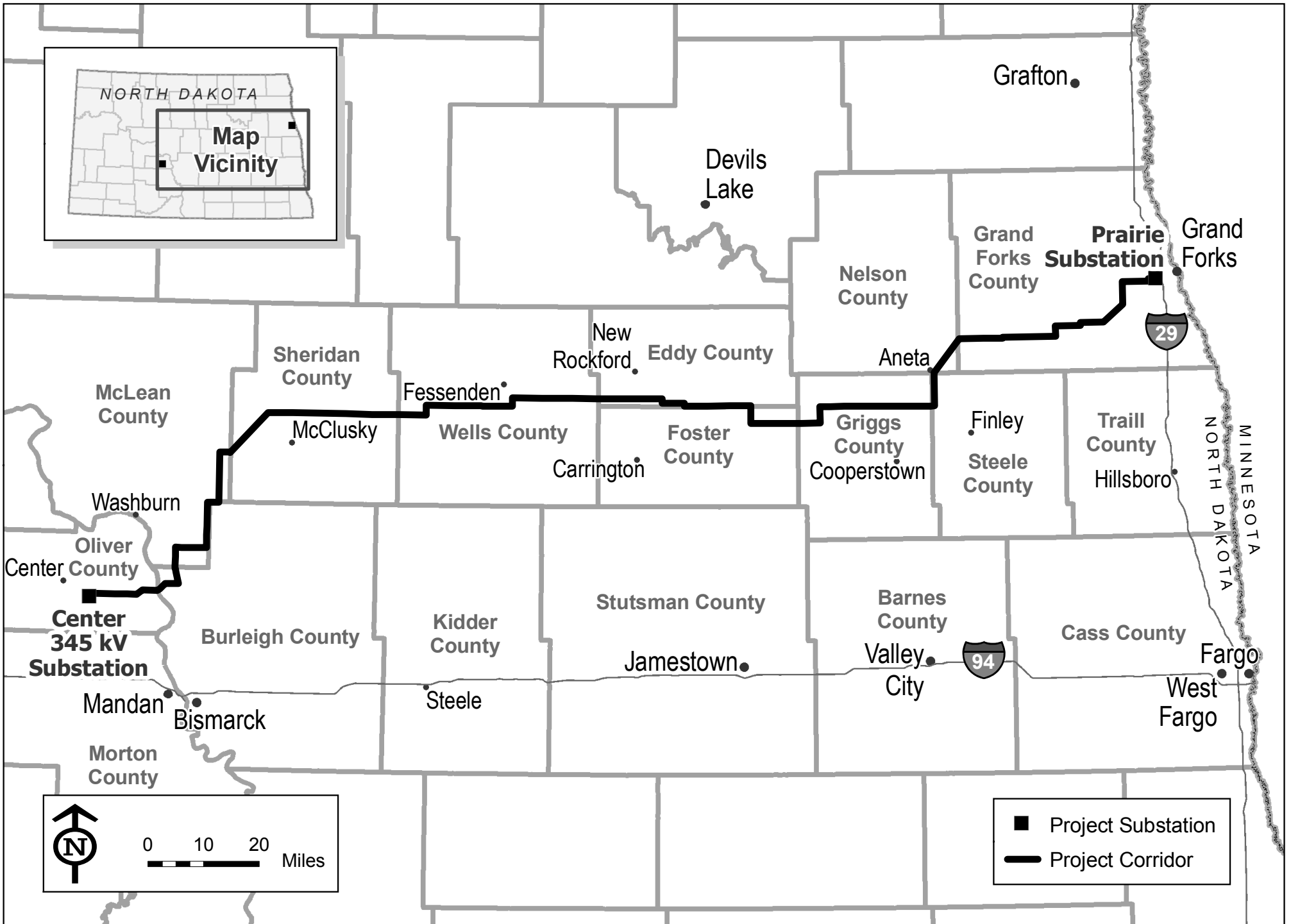
  
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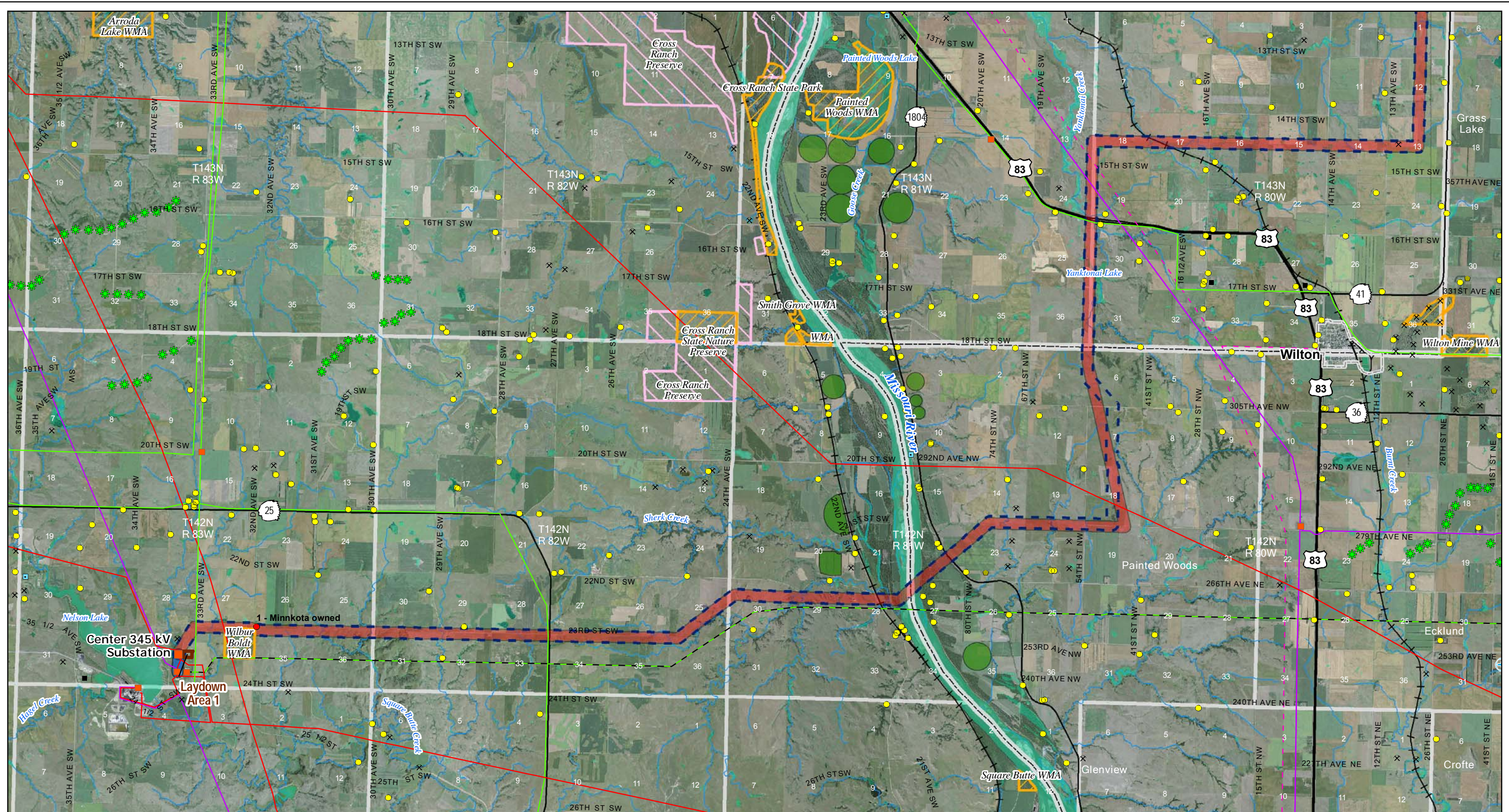
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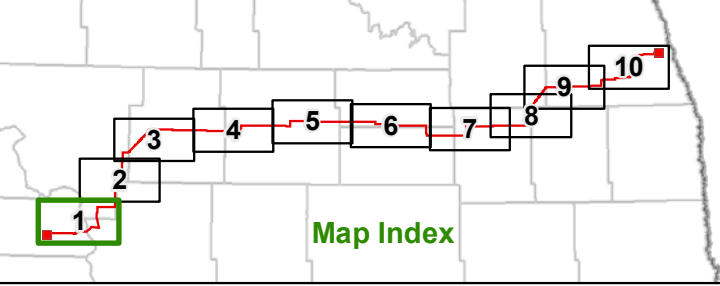
  
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|---|--|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Filed Project Corridor<br>- Feb 18, 2011      | Existing Transmission Lines<br>400-kV DC | Home within Corridor | Wind Turbine                       | Irrigated Land              |
| Modified Project Corridor<br>- March 17, 2011 | 345-kV AC                                | Home                 | State Park, Recreation Area or WMA | Incorporated Area           |
| 230-kV Tie Line Corridor                      | 250-kV DC                                | School               | USFWS WPA or WDA                   | Public Airport              |
| Substation                                    | 230-kV AC                                | Business             | USFWS NWR                          | Private Airport             |
| Laydown Area                                  | 115-kV or less AC                        | Recreation           | USBOR Land                         | USGS River, Stream or Canal |
|   | Gas or Oil Pipeline                      | Gravel Pit or Mine   | TNC Preserve                       | NWI Wetland                 |
|   |  | Dump or Landfill     |                                    |                             |

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Corridor Siting Criteria  
Center to Grand Forks Project  
Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.

0 1 2 Miles  
Scale 1:100,000

Aerial photography published by National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP), 2009.