

3. Following issuance of the Order, the owner of the NW/4 of Section 13 and the NE/4 of Section 14, Township 143 North, Range 80 West, in McLean County, North Dakota, requested that Minnkota adjust the route in order to maximize the distance from an area that the landowner has identified as a potential building site in the northeast corner of the SE/4 of Section 14.

4. The route modification requested by the owner of the NW/4 of Section 13 and the NE/4 of Section 14, Township 143 North, Range 80 West, in McLean County, North Dakota, is outside of the corridor approved by the Commission in its Order.

5. To accommodate the landowner's request, Minnkota requests that the Commission approve the route and corridor modification depicted on the map attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**. Both the corridor and route approved by the Commission in its Order and the proposed corridor and route modification are depicted in **Exhibit 1**.

6. The proposed corridor and route modification would be located entirely within the NW/4 of Section 13 and the NE/4 of Section 14, Township 143 North, Range 80 West, in McLean County, North Dakota, and, as such, would not affect other landowners.

7. In addition to maximizing the distance from a potential building site, the proposed modification will enable Minnkota to place structures on the edge of the tilled portion of the landowner's property, reduce the number of structures required, and slightly reduce the length of the Project.

8. The owner of the NW/4 of Section 13 and the NE/4 of Section 14, Township 143 North, Range 80 West, in McLean County, North Dakota, has executed an easement in favor of Minnkota consistent with the proposed modification.

9. The Project is consistent with Minnkota's 2012-2022 Ten-Year Plan. See Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.'s 2012-2022 Ten-Year Plan, Docket No. PU-12-252, filed June 5, 2012.

10. The proposed route modification will reduce Project construction costs by approximately \$601,370.

11. Minnkota has begun construction of the Project, and anticipates that the Project will be commissioned and in-service in the fourth quarter of 2013.

12. Minnkota plans to begin clearing activities for the portion of the Project where the proposed corridor and route modification is located as soon as possible, with foundation and structure installation to be completed in 2013.

13. Minnkota needs to be able to complete clearing of the right-of-way within the modified portion of the Project route as soon as possible in order to maintain its 2013 construction schedule, which is essential to completing the Project in a timely and efficient manner.

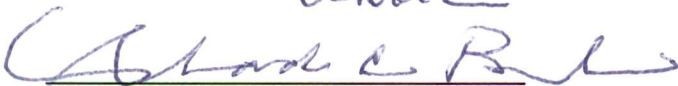
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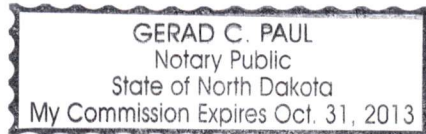
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this 2nd day of September, 2012.

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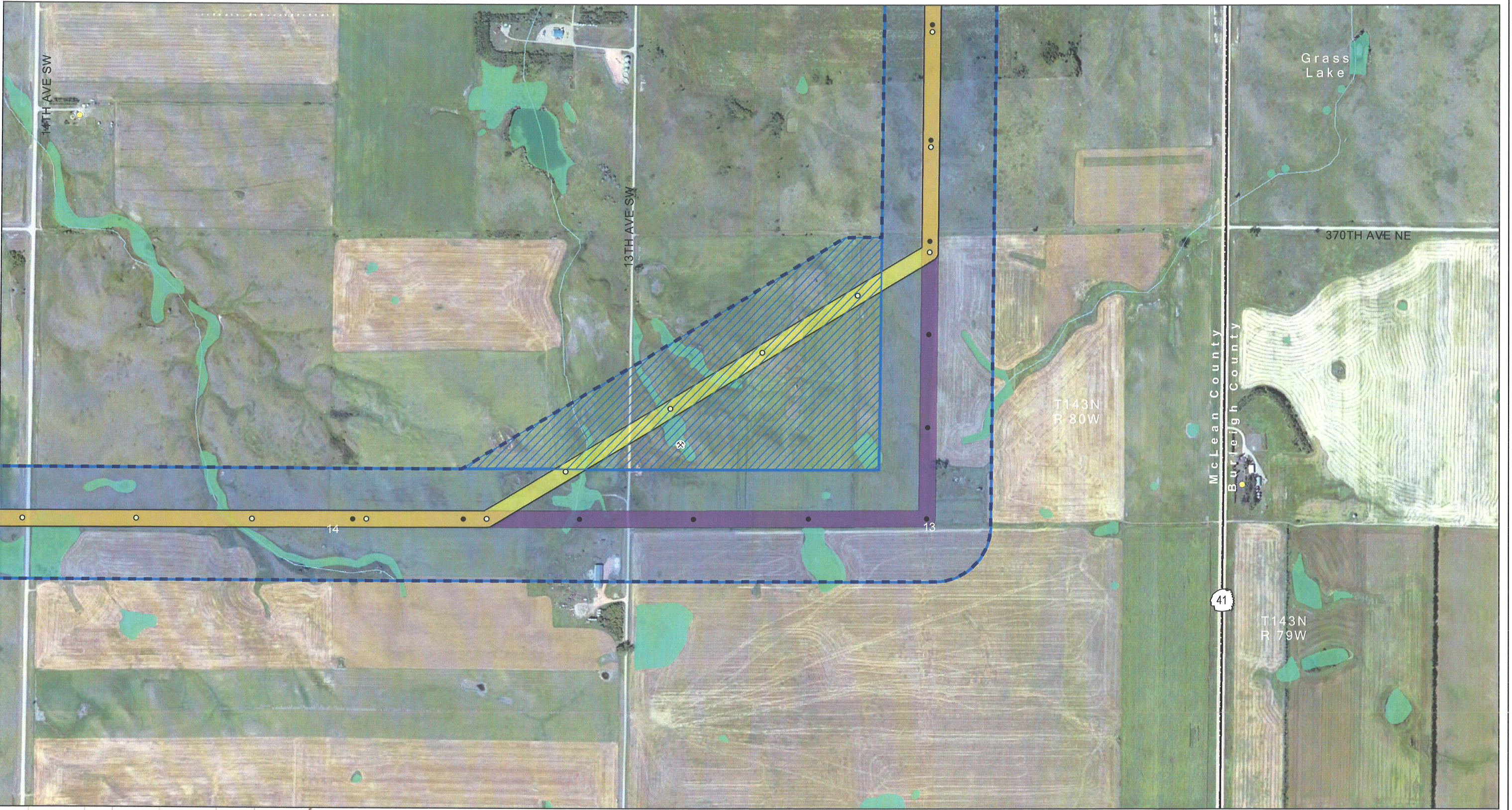
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| Approved Corridor | Approved Project ROW | Home | USFWS WPA or WDA | USGS Mapped Waterway |
| Proposed Corridor | Proposed Project ROW | School | State Trust Land | Modified Wetland |
| Proposed Corridor Change | Approved Project Structure Location | Business | PLOTS Land | USFWS Grassland Easement |
| | Proposed Project Structure Location | Recreation | | USFWS Wetland Easement |
| | | Gravel Pit | | |

Exhibit 1
 Proposed Project Corridor and Route Modifications
 McLean County, North Dakota
 Center to Grand Forks Project
 Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.

0 500 1,000 Feet
 Scale 1:10,000

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