

January 18, 2013

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Mr. Pat Fahn  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: BAKKENLINK PIPELINE, LLC  
8- and 12-INCH CRUDE OIL PIPELINE  
– CASE NUMBER PU-10-218**

Dear Mr. Fahn:

On September 5, 2012, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued its Order granting BakkenLink Pipeline, LLC (“BakkenLink”) a First Amended Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and First Amended Route Permit for an 8-inch and 12-inch steel crude oil pipeline in Billings, Stark, McKenzie, and Williams Counties, North Dakota (the “Project”). BakkenLink hereby requests that the staff approve a modification to the route and corridor approved for the Project.

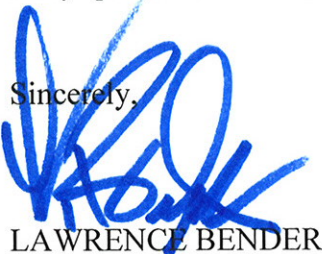
BakkenLink is requesting the proposed route and corridor modifications for several reasons. First, three of the reroutes are at landowner request. The first reroute, the “Knapp Reroute” will relocate the route a maximum of 265 feet west of the original route. This reroute is requested to avoid constructing through a woody draw. The second reroute, the “Lillibridge Reroute,” will relocate the route a maximum of 280 feet south of the original route. This reroute is requested to avoid constructing through known scoria deposits located on the property. The third reroute, the “Hoffmann Reroute,” will relocate the route a maximum of 175 feet west of the original route. This reroute is requested to move the pipeline closer to an existing fence line. Further, this reroute will avoid a tribal cultural site identified by the Tribal Monitors. Second, the Arrow Receipt Point has been relocated. As a result of the relocation, BakkenLink requests permission to reroute the lateral line to the Arrow Receipt point, and to relocate the pig launching and receiving station that will be constructed at the inception point of the lateral line.

None of the requested reroutes will cause the pipeline to be relocated onto a different landowner’s property. BakkenLink is in the process of acquiring the necessary amended rights of way, to be finalized by January 31, 2013.

The requested reroutes do not impact any new exclusion or avoidance areas. All necessary environmental and archaeological reviews of these reroutes have been completed, including such on site reviews as were necessary. The route changes will not affect any of the Public Service Commission exclusion, avoidance or selection criteria. The route changes do not involve any water crossings or section line crossings. Furthermore, BakkenLink confirmed that no cultural sites are affected by these reroutes and the overall impacts from construction activities are expected to be reduced due to the fact that the total lineal feet of pipeline installed will be shortened by over 2,000 feet. Thus, the reroutes are insignificant in nature and in fact reduce the overall impact of the Project. Because the requested reroutes are minor, and do not affect any new landowners, exclusion or avoidance areas, or selection criteria, BakkenLink requests that the staff issue an amended Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit without additional public input.

Further, the pipeline is currently under construction between Arrow and Fryburg, with anticipated completion by May 2013. The minor route changes BakkenLink is requesting are located within this segment. Over 250 construction workers are presently employed. Due to time constraints, BakkenLink respectfully requests that the staff make a determination regarding the requested modifications as soon as possible.

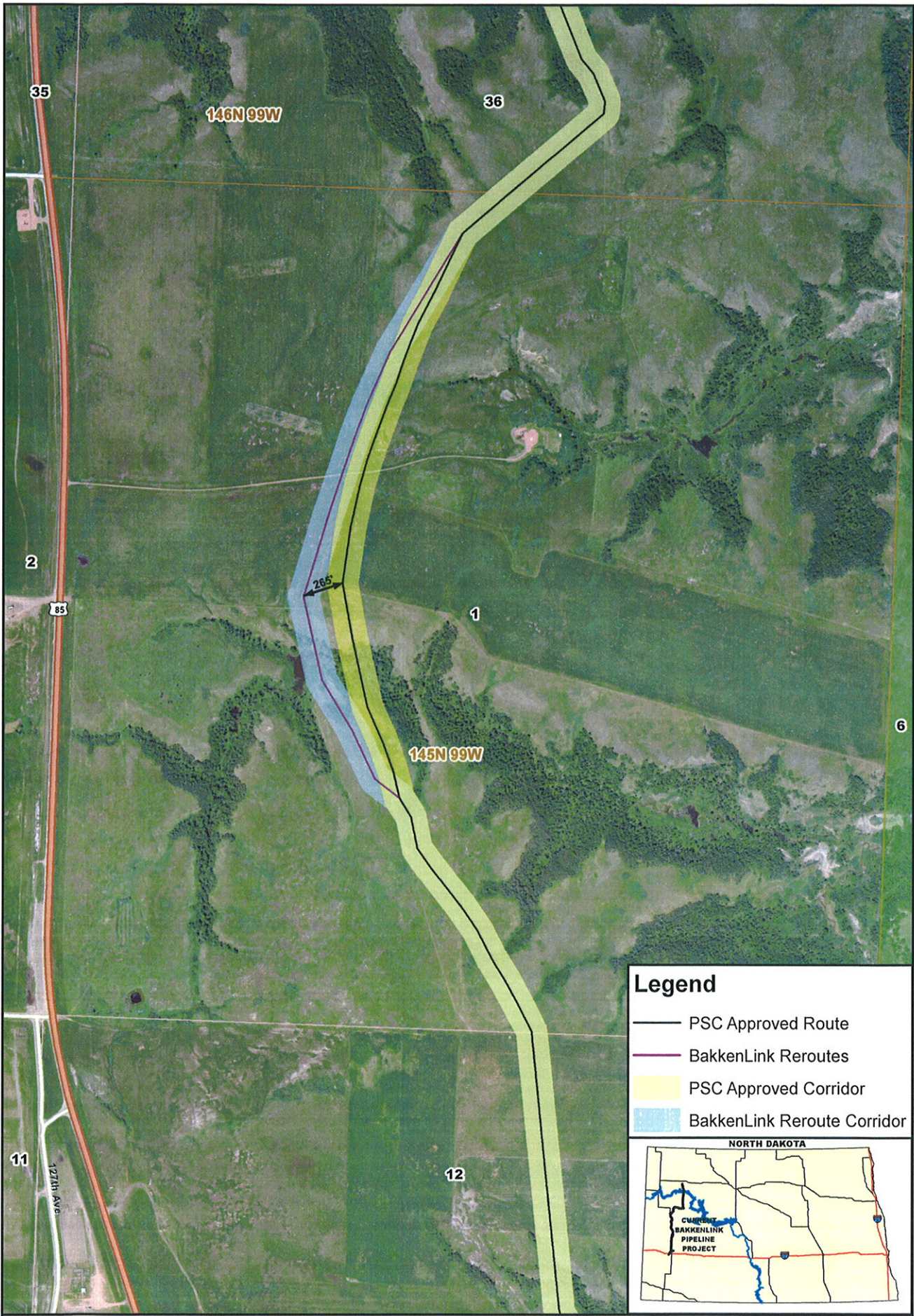
Enclosed are ten (10) copies of this letter, as well as a CD containing the enclosed documents in electronic format. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please advise.

Sincerely,  
  
LAWRENCE BENDER

LB/jrr  
Enclosures

- cc: Mr. Darren Snow (w/ encl. - via e-mail)  
Mr. Rich Voss (w/ encl. - via e-mail)  
Mr. Steve Griesser (w/ encl. - via e-mail)  
Mr. Jame L. Todd (w/ encl. - via e-mail)

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**BAKKENLINK PIPELINE PROJECT**  
**KNAPP REROUTE - LANDOWNER REQUEST**  
**SECTION 1, T 145N, R 99W**  
ROUTE IS NOT FINAL AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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 Pipeline LLC  
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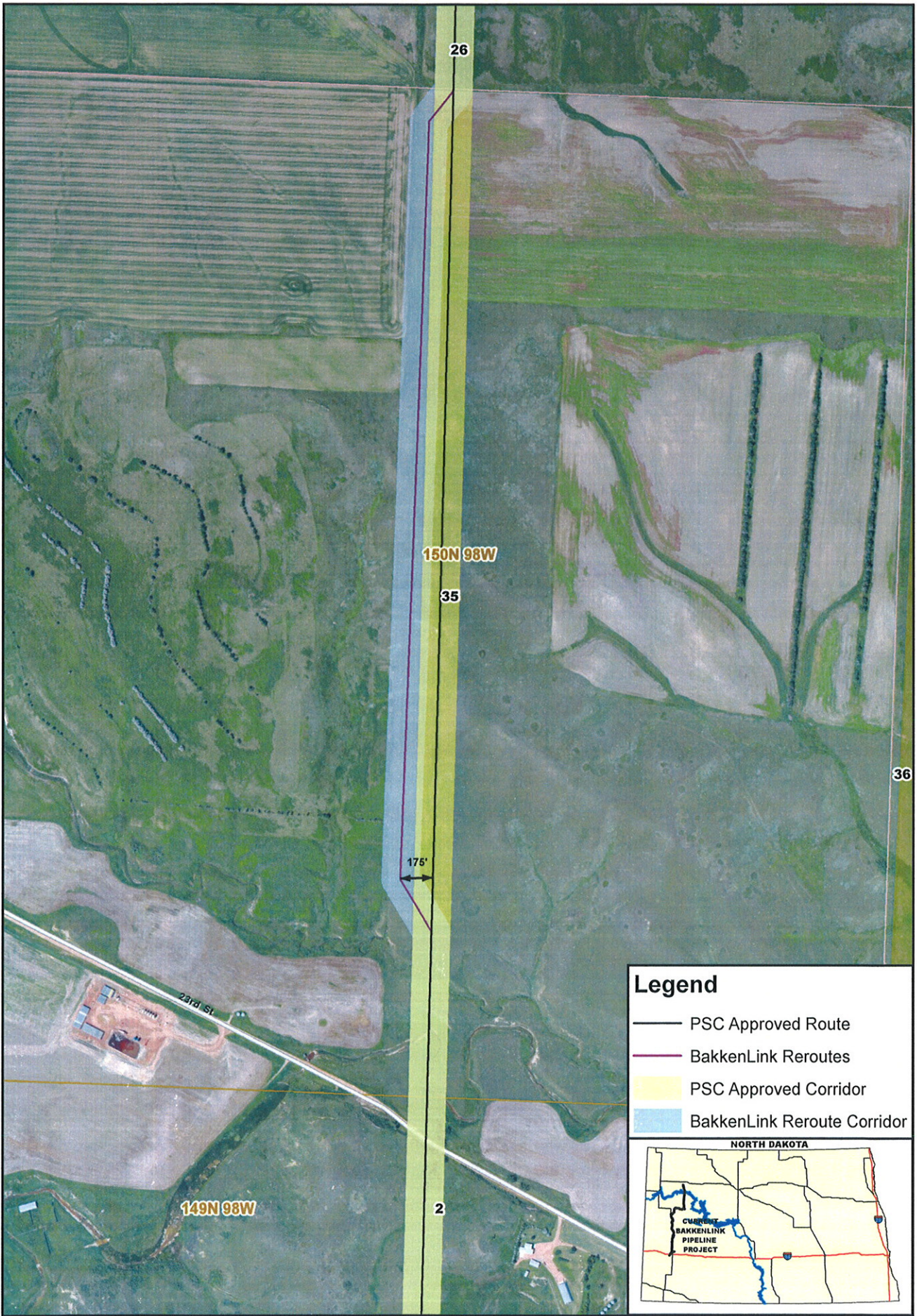
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**BAKKENLINK PIPELINE PROJECT  
LILLIBRIDGE REROUTE - LANDOWNER REQUEST  
SECTION 20, T 150N, R 96W**

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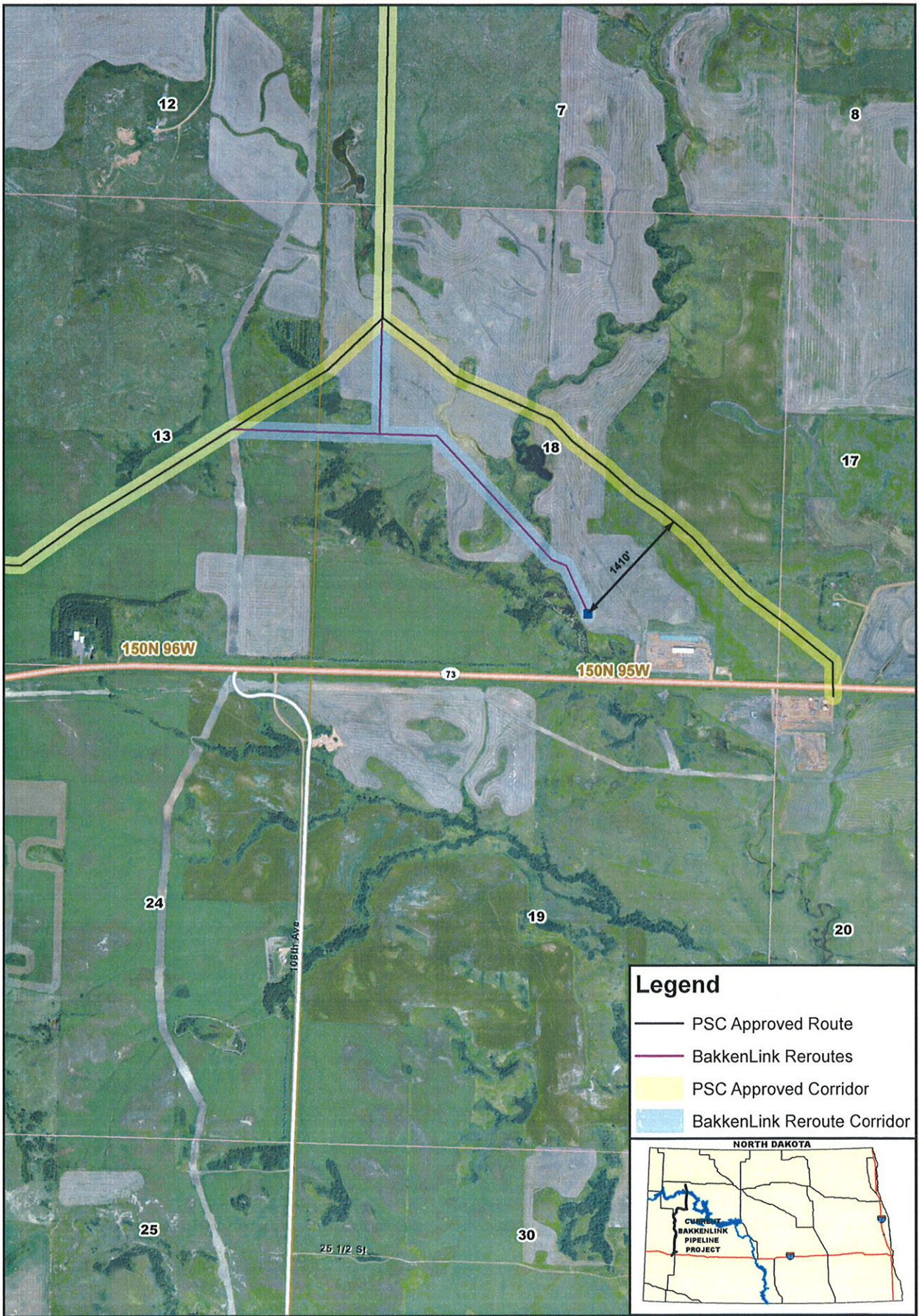
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**BAKKENLINK PIPELINE PROJECT  
HOFFMANN REROUTE - LANDOWNER REQUEST  
SECTION 35, T 150N, R 98W**

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SECTION 18, T 150N, R 95W**

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