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April 19, 2013

Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Case No. PU-13-22
Basin Electric Power Cooperative – Antelope Valley Station Natural Gas Pipeline

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

North Dakota

After Basin Electric's Combined Corridor and Route Application was filed with the ND PSC in late February 2013, it was determined that Basin Electric's wholly owned subsidiary, Dakota Gasification Company (DGC), would ultimately own and operate the pipeline. The primary reasons for this change in ownership are DGC's superior experience in the operation and maintenance of compressed-gas pipelines and potential tax benefits available to DGC due to its for-profit status. As such, we wish to amend the application to indicate DGC as the owner/operator of the proposed facility. A Certificate of Good Standing from the ND Secretary of State for DGC is enclosed. Basin Electric staff and contractors would still design, permit and construct the facility.

In addition to the change in pipeline ownership, a number of refinements to the corridor and route are proposed to facilitate the construction of the facility. No new landowners are affected by these changes. The proposed refinements are minor, with the corridor/route shifting 100-300 feet east or west to better avoid existing utilities and to accommodate Coteau Properties' future development. These minor changes have negligible impact on the environmental analysis for the project and no new exclusion or avoidance areas are present in the updated corridor; however, additional Class III (pedestrian survey) cultural resources work will need to be completed to accommodate the reroutes. The results of the additional surveys are expected in May 2013, and will be provided to the ND SHPO for review and filed with the ND PSC. Figures 2 - 4 included in the original application have been revised to reflect the updated corridor/route and are enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosures, please contact me at 701.557.5495.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin L. Solie".

Kevin L. Solie
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Amendment to application and name change to Dakota Gasification Company
Dakota Gasification Company / Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Kevin Solie, Senior Envir. Coordinator

State of North Dakota

SECRETARY OF STATE



CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING OF

DAKOTA GASIFICATION COMPANY

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that DAKOTA GASIFICATION COMPANY, a North Dakota BUSINESS CORPORATION, was incorporated in this office on September 15, 1988 and, according to the records of this office as of this date, has paid all fees due this office as required by North Dakota statutes governing a North Dakota BUSINESS CORPORATION.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Good Standing to

DAKOTA GASIFICATION COMPANY

Issued: April 19, 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alvin A. Jaeger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State



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-  Preferred Corridor
-  Federal Land
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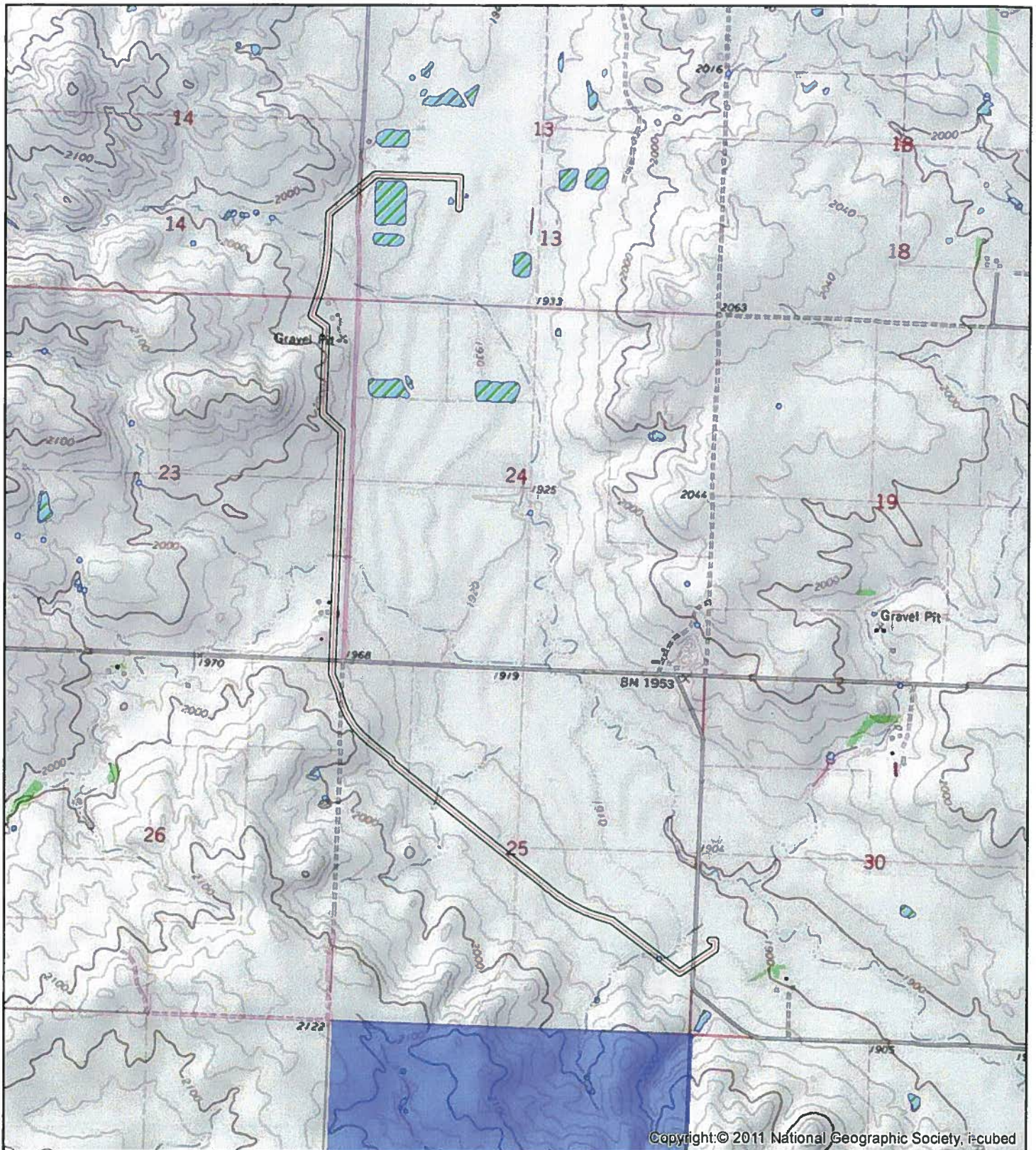
Figure 2 AVS-NGP Project Project Overview Map

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



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**Figure 3
AVS-NGP Project
Project Overview Map**

