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**VIA E-MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY**

Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



**RE: NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P.'s Consolidated Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit, and Waiver Application  
Case No. PU-15-674**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On February 24, 2016, the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order") granting Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 181 and Route Permit Number 193 to NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership L.P. ("NuStar") for an 8-inch diameter refined products pipeline and associated facilities ("Project"). Since issuance of the Order, NuStar has determined that a route adjustment within the corridor designated for the Project is necessary. The route adjustment changes the point of origination for the Project, and enables a direct connection with Cenex Pipeline, LLC's existing Laurel Pipeline. No known exclusion or avoidance areas, as defined in North Dakota Administrative Code §§ 69-06-08-02(1) and (2), will be affected by construction activities associated with the route adjustment.

Therefore, in accordance with North Dakota Century Code § 49-22-16.3(1), enclosed please find the original and seven copies of this letter and the following documents:

- Certification Relating to North Dakota Century Code § 49-22-16.3, with accompanying:
  - Exhibit A: Route Adjustment Maps; and
  - Exhibit B: June 10, 2016 SWCA Environmental Consultants Letter.

The key contact person for purposes of notice and communication with respect to this filing is:

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Certification and documentation for route adjustments under NDCC 49-22-16.3

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Electronic copies of this letter and the above-referenced documents were filed today with the Commission via e-mail. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



MOLLIE M. SMITH

MMS/rg/58889805  
Enclosures

cc: Julie Prescott (*with enclosure – via E-mail*)  
Michael Dillinger (*with enclosure – via E-mail*)  
Christopher Jimenez (*with enclosure – via E-mail*)



Pipeline right-of-way overlap. Maps depicting the Designated Corridor and Route, and the adjusted route and origination point, are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

5. The landowners affected by the route adjustment have executed an option for an easement allowing NuStar to construct the Project as modified.

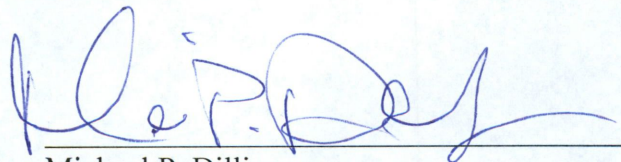
6. The route adjustment is, and all construction activities for the route adjustment will be, within the Designated Corridor.

7. Project construction activities for the route adjustment will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance areas. SWCA Environmental Consultants (“SWCA”) has conducted the necessary field studies to confirm the same, as set forth in a letter from SWCA, attached hereto as Exhibit B.

8. NuStar will inform the Commission of the facility modifications necessary for the direct interconnect in accordance with Provision No. 31 of the Certification Relating to Order Provisions – Transmission Facility Siting, incorporated into the Order.

9. NuStar will comply with the Commission’s February 24, 2016 Order, laws, and rules designating the corridor and designating the route.

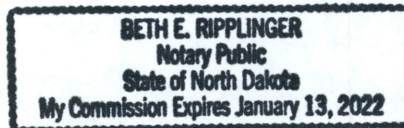
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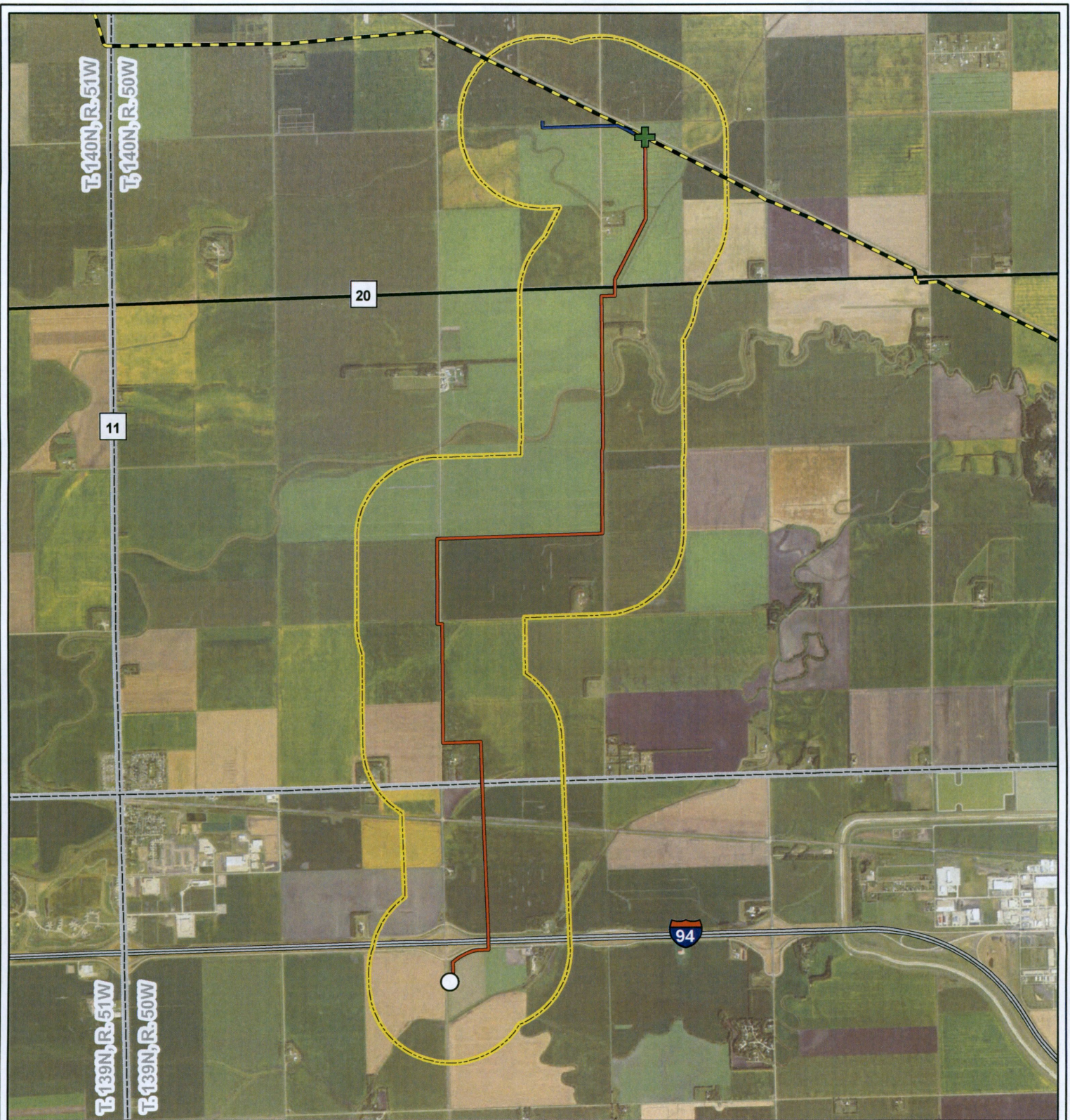
  
Michael P. Dillinger

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 20th day of June, 2016.

  
Notary Public

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**Fig. 1: Laurel Interconnect Pipeline Project**

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|------------------|---|----------------------|
| ○                | Mapleton Junction Site                                      | — Interstate Highway |
| +                | Adjustment for pipeline connection within Approved Corridor | — County Highway     |
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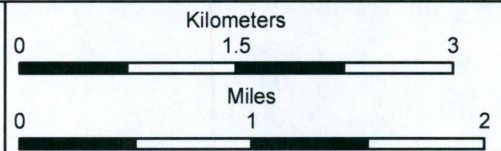
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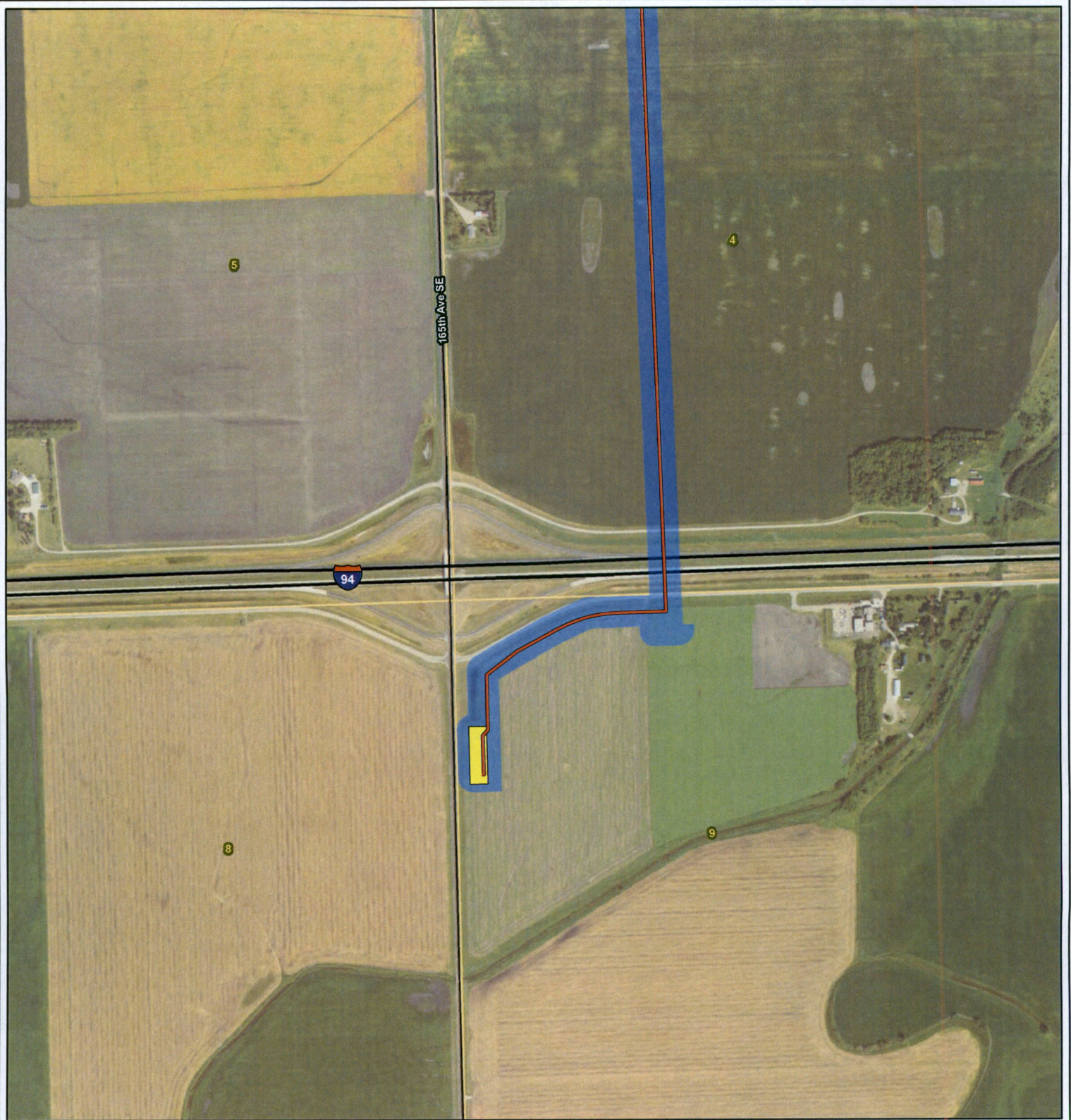
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








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**Laurel Interconnect Pipeline Project - Exclusion and Avoidance Area**

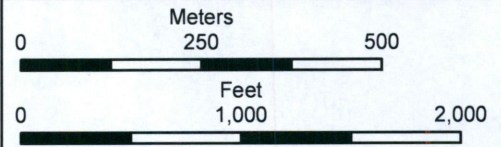
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









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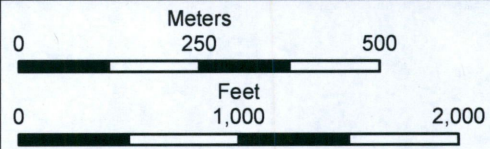
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





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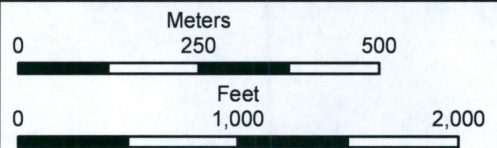
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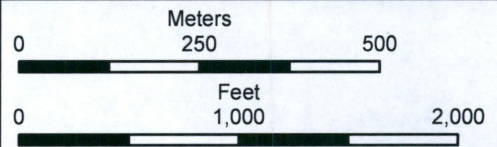
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









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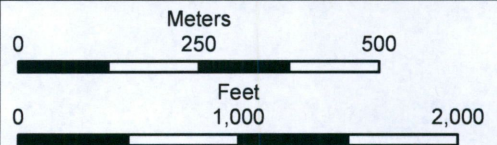
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Mr. Chris Jimenez  
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**RE: Route Changes for the Laurel Interconnect Pipeline, Cass County, North Dakota**

Dear Mr. Jimenez,

SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA) has reviewed the proposed route adjustment for the Laurel Interconnect Pipeline, as indicated on the enclosed maps, and has determined that the pipeline construction activities will be within the designated corridor and will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance areas within the designated corridor. This review and conclusion was based on information contained in: (1) SWCA's Natural Resources and Wetland Determination Report for the Laurel Interconnect Pipeline, Cass County, North Dakota, dated September 17, 2015; and the Addendum thereto, dated January 19, 2016 (see Hearing Exhibit Nos. 1 and 14 in Case No. PU-15-674); and (2) SWCA's Class I and Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Laurel Interconnect Pipeline, Cass County, North Dakota, dated August 7, 2015; the Addendum thereto, dated August 28, 2015; and Addendum 2 thereto, dated December 17, 2015 (see Hearing Exhibit Nos. 1 and 10 in Case No. PU-15-674).

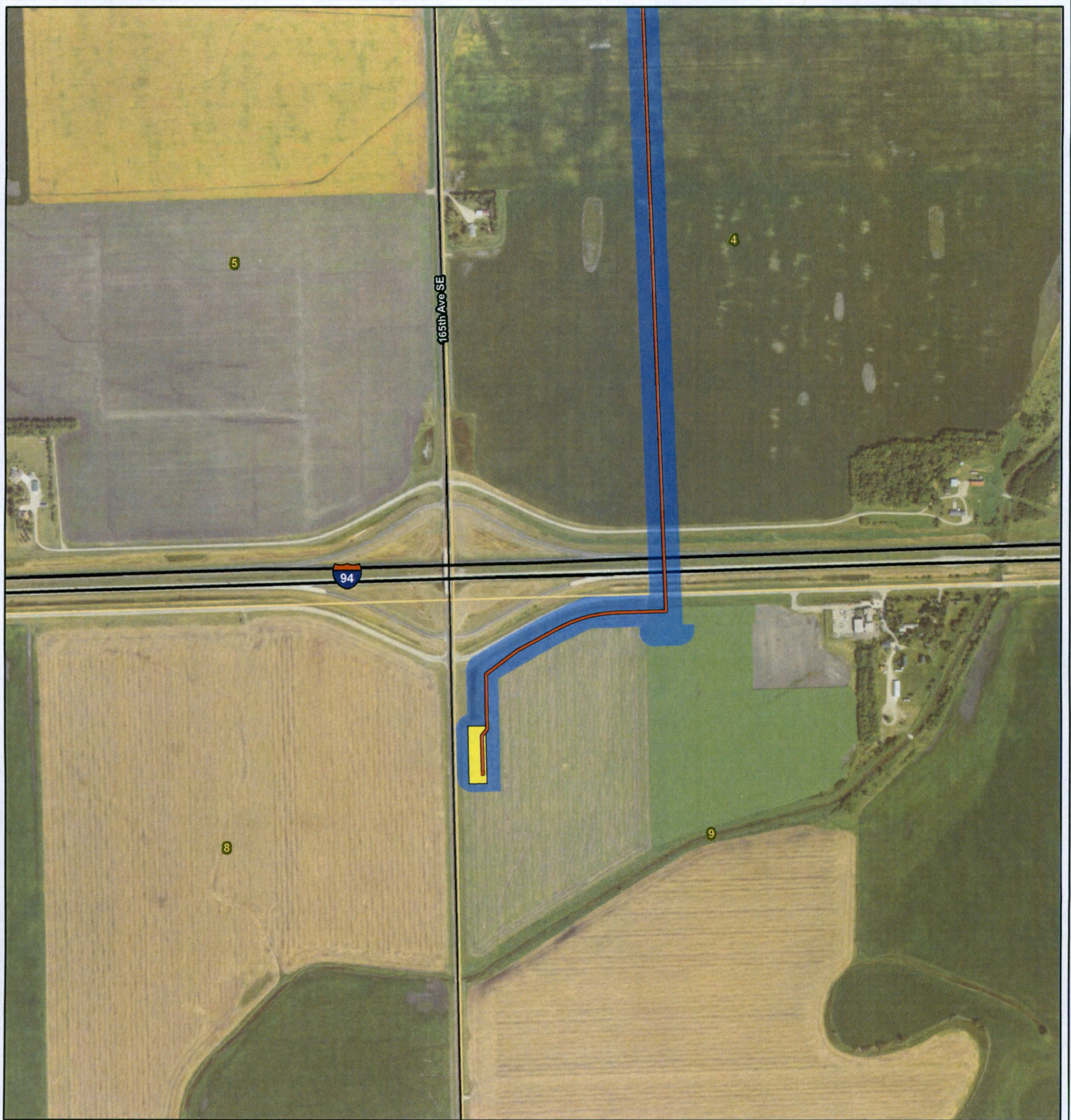
If you have any questions or require further analysis, please do not hesitate to contact me at (701) 258-6622, or via email at [jdawson@swca.com](mailto:jdawson@swca.com).

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










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James W. Dawson, PG, CHMM  
Senior Project Manager

Enclosure: As stated.



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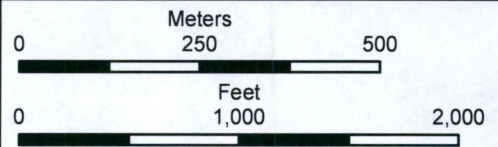
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


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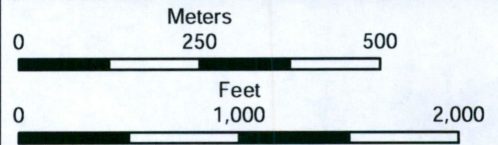
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


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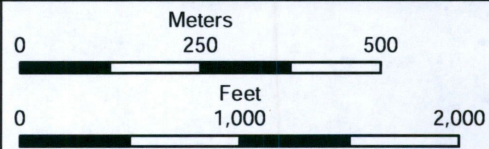
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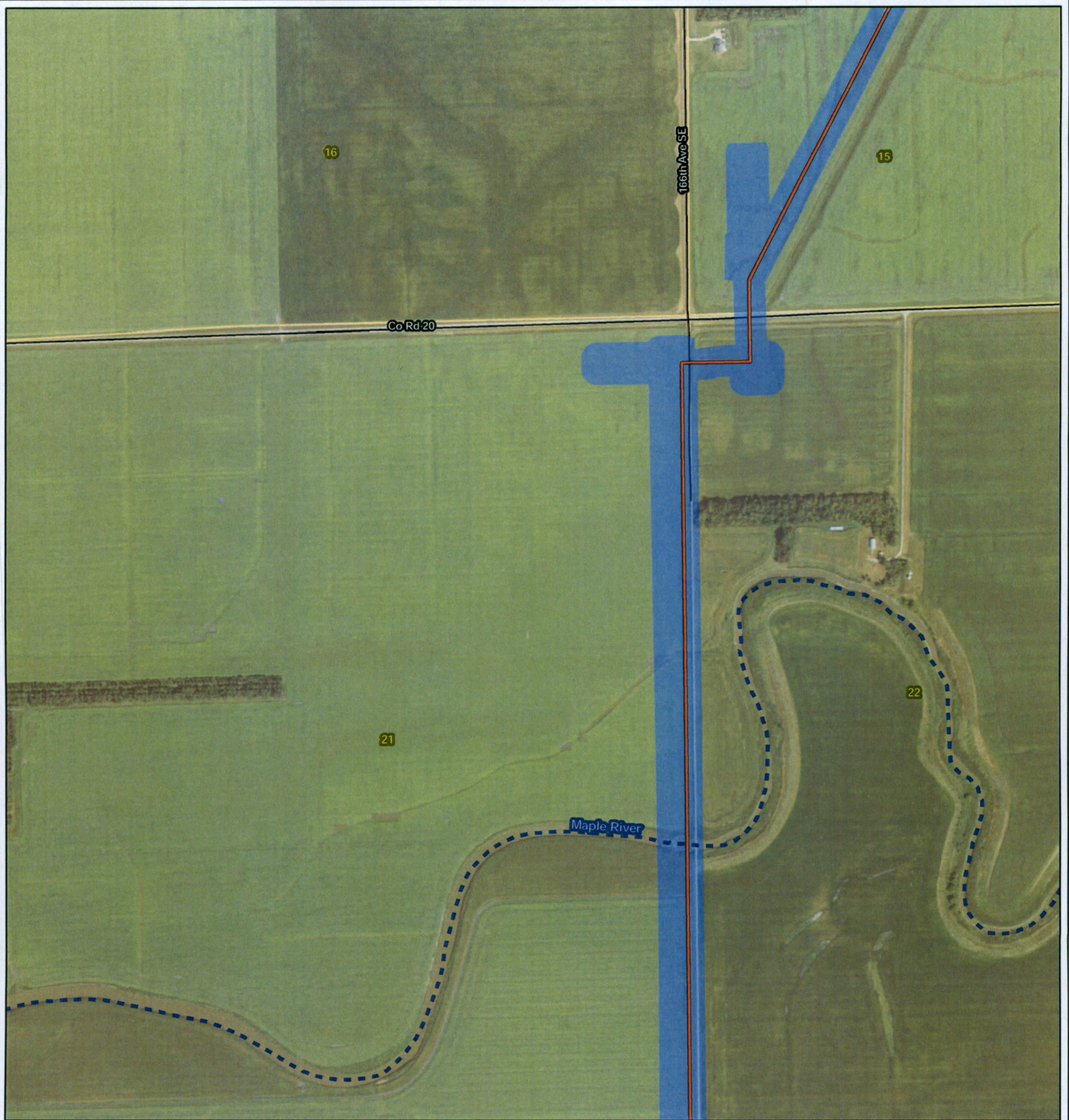
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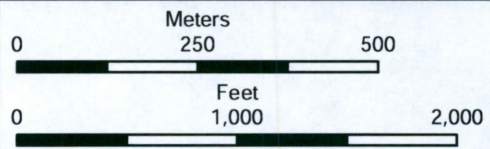
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

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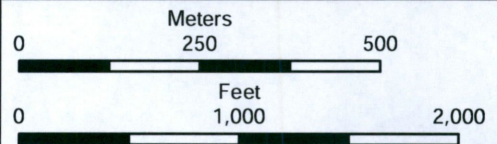
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