

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Northern States Power Company
230 kV Transmission Line – McHenry & Ward Counties
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-17-102

NOTICE OF FILINGS AND PUBLIC HEARING

June 27, 2017

A public hearing on the applications for Case No. PU-17-102 is scheduled for August 18, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. Central Time, at the Sleep Inn, 2400 10th Street SW, Minot, North Dakota 58701.

On March 13, 2017, Northern States Power Company (NSP) dba Xcel Energy filed consolidated applications for a certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit for construction of approximately 20.5 miles of 230 kV transmission line and associated facilities to be constructed from a proposed new substation in Ward County near Minot to an existing substation in McHenry County near Velva as shown on the attached map.

Also on March 13, 2017, NSP filed an application for waivers of procedures and time schedules established under North Dakota Century Code sections 49-22-07.2, 49-22-08, 49-22-08.1, 49-22-13, and North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-06-01-02 and chapter 69-06-06, requiring separate filings, separate notices, and separate hearings on such applications.

The issues to be considered in the application for waiver of procedures and time schedules are:

1. Are the proposed facilities of such length, design, location, or purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects and that adherence to applicable procedures and time schedules may be waived?
2. Is it appropriate for the Commission to waive any procedures and time schedules as requested in the application?

The issues to be considered in the applications for a certificate of corridor compatibility and a route permit are:

1. Will the location and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?

3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

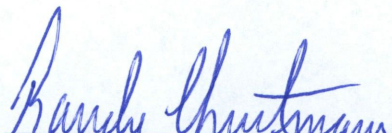
If determined that a waiver of procedures and time schedules is appropriate, the Commission may consider the application for a corridor certificate and route permit without further notice.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

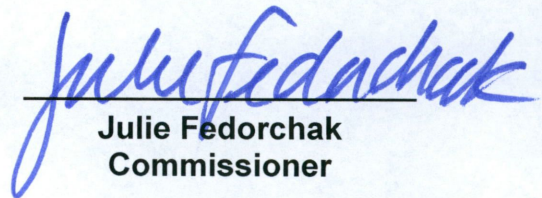
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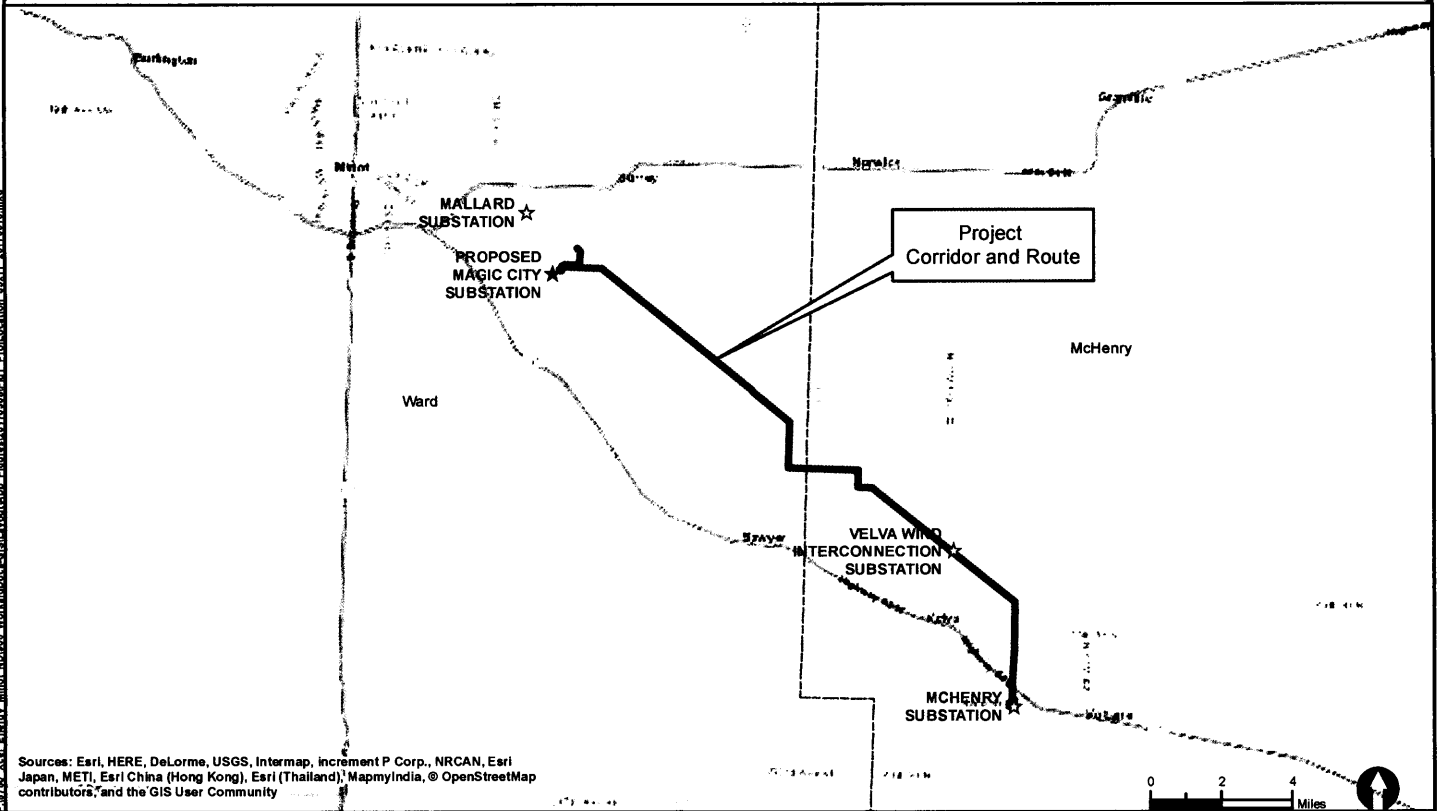
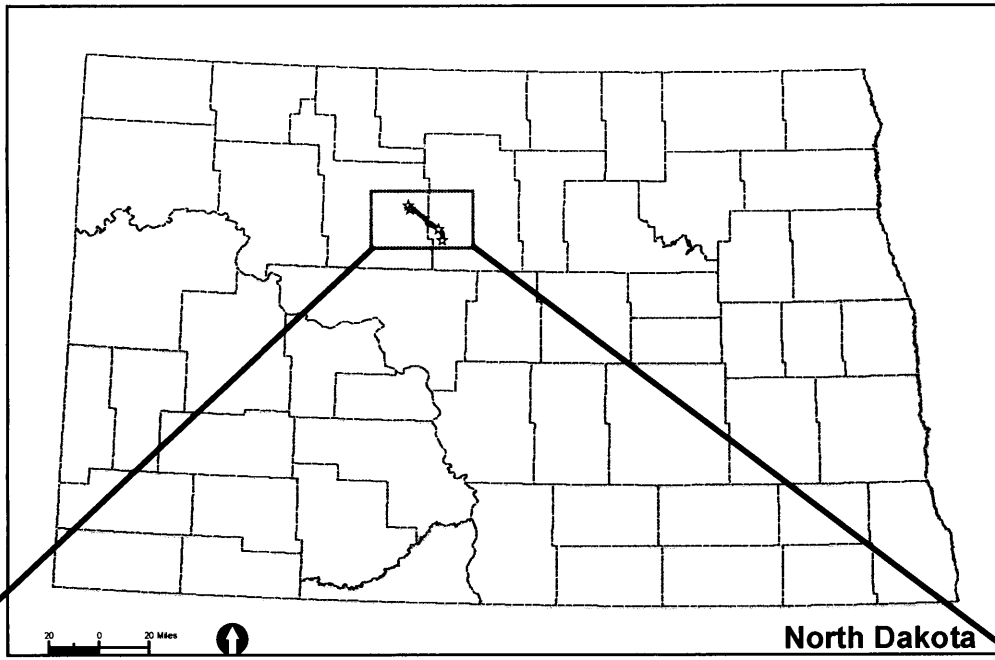
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Legend

-  Project Corridor and Route
-  Proposed Substation
-  Substation



Minot Load Serving Project
 McHenry and Ward Counties, North Dakota

Figure 1
Project Location Map
 May 2017