



## LATE-FILED EXHIBIT 9

May 24, 2019

Mr. Steve Kahl  
Public Utilities Division  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C.  
Little Missouri Lateral Project  
Siting Application – Case No. PU-19-085

Dear Mr. Kahl,

As described in our Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit ("Application") for ONEOK Bakken Pipeline, L.L.C.'s ("ONEOK") Little Missouri Lateral Project ("Project"), the majority of the Project is co-located with existing linear infrastructure. Also as discussed in further detail at the Public Hearing for the Project on May 17, 2019 in Watford City, portions of the corridor for the Project overlap with a different ONEOK project that was completed in 2014 (Targa Lateral Pipeline Project, PU-14-254). ONEOK surveyed the Little Missouri Lateral Corridor (and some areas outside of the corridor) for the presence of noxious weeds in Fall 2018. A summary of these surveys was provided in Section 5.5 of the Application and a mapset showing the results was included in the Natural Resources Report (Exhibit C).

At the Public Hearing, Commissioner Kroshus inquired as to whether noxious weeds were identified in areas that the Targa Lateral Project used as workspace. This information was not readily present at the Public Hearing, but we have since done an analysis of our 2018 noxious weed data compared to the Targa Lateral Pipeline workspace. A mapset is enclosed for your convenience.

Based on our review, of the 53.6 acres of noxious weeds within Project corridor, 12.4 acres overlaps with the Targa Lateral Project workspace from 2014. As displayed on the enclosed mapset, noxious weeds were also documented in adjacent areas in most of these locations. Although noxious weeds were identified in some areas where the Targa Lateral Project workspace was located, the source of the noxious weeds is unknown and impossible to confirm without unlimited access to the right-of-way. Once a project is deemed complete, disturbed areas are revegetated, ONEOK has little influence on the ability to control noxious weeds outside its permanent easement or adjacent areas.

As described in our Application, ONEOK strives to comply with the State of North Dakota's Noxious Weed Law (NDCC § 4.1-47-02), as well as county-level weed management permit programs, where applicable. For this Project, ONEOK has taken the following measures to reduce the risk of noxious and invasive weeds from spreading to or from the Project area:

- Conducted pre-construction surveys to identify locations of noxious weeds;
- Consulted with the McKenzie County Weed Board and submitted and received approval of their McKenzie County Weed Plan (filed as Docket #25);

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- Developed several mitigation plans, which are provided to ONEOK's Contractor(s) as part of its bid package; contractors are required to comply with these plans. Draft copies of these plans were filed with the Application as Exhibit G and final versions will be submitted prior to construction:
  - Weed Management Plan
  - Construction Mitigation and Restoration Plan
  - Revegetation Plan
- Conducted pre-construction topsoil surveys which will be used to assist in more precise topsoil segregation during construction, which assists in restoration. These surveys will also be used to develop site-specific seed mixes which have a higher probability of establishment prior to weed infestation;
- Installing equipment wash stations in areas adjacent to noxious weeds to prevent migration of weeds along the right-of-way during construction; and
- Employing Environmental Inspectors during construction to ensure the Contractor(s) is abiding by applicable permits and plans.

If you have any questions on this material or need additional information, please contact me directly at [Edwin.Zedaker@oneok.com](mailto:Edwin.Zedaker@oneok.com) or 918-595-1783.

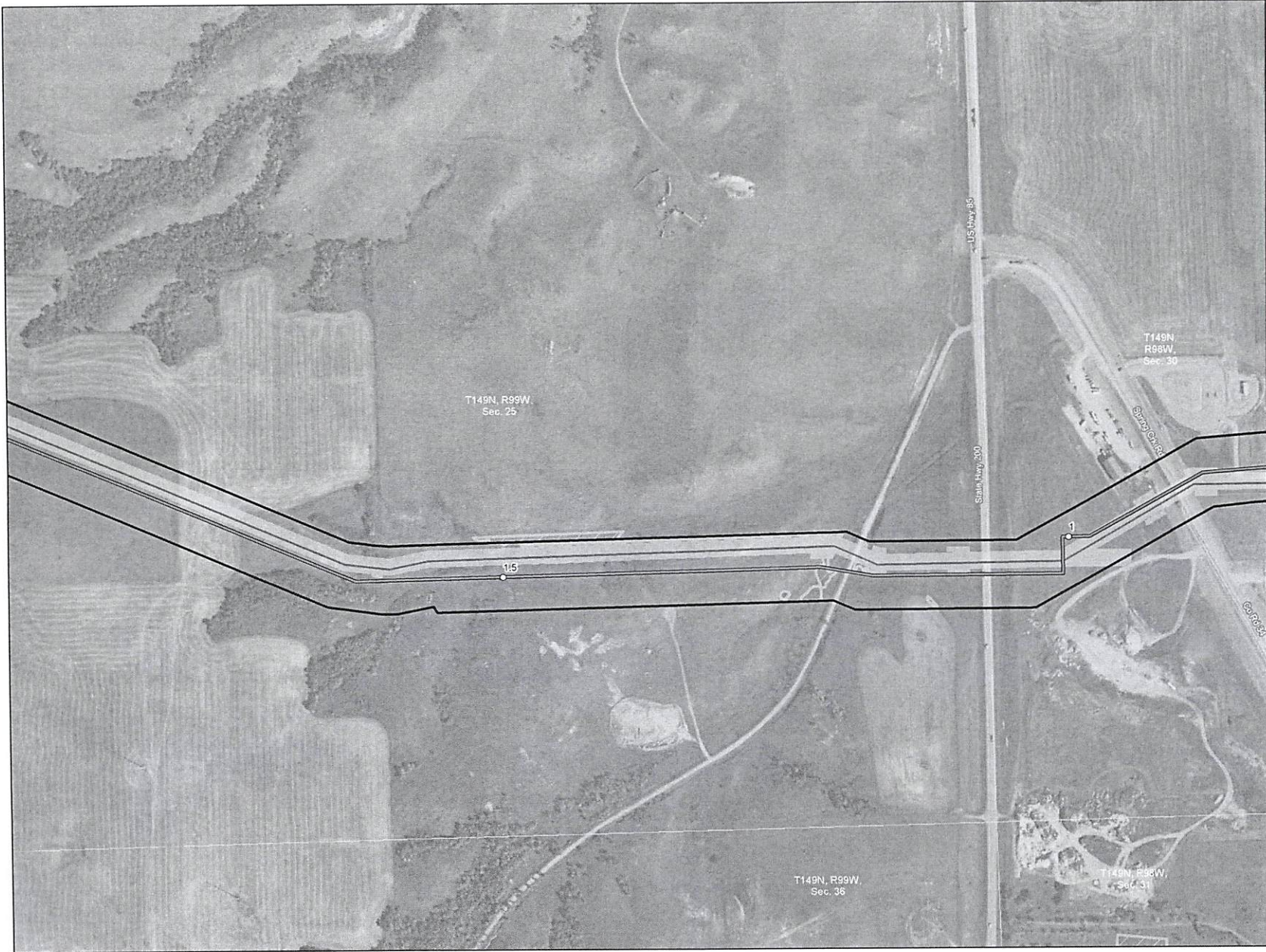
Sincerely,



Eddie Zedaker  
Environmental Engineer  
ONEOK, Inc.

Enclosures: Little Missouri Lateral – Noxious Weeds Maps (with Targa Lateral workspace)

Cc: Michael Dailey (ONEOK)



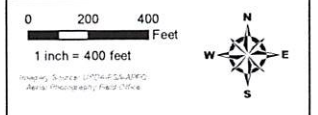
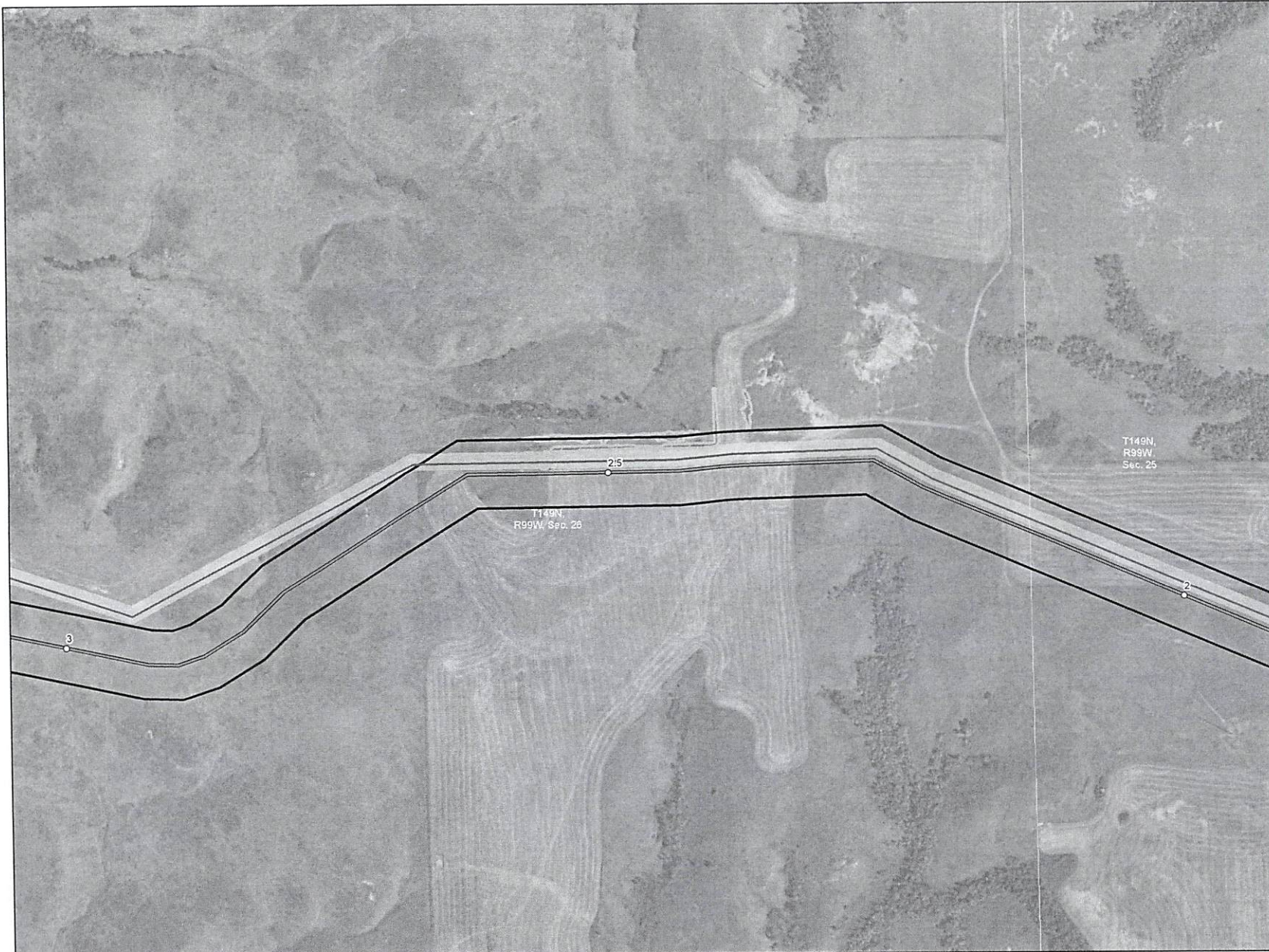
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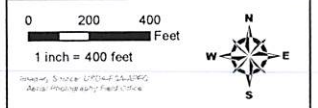
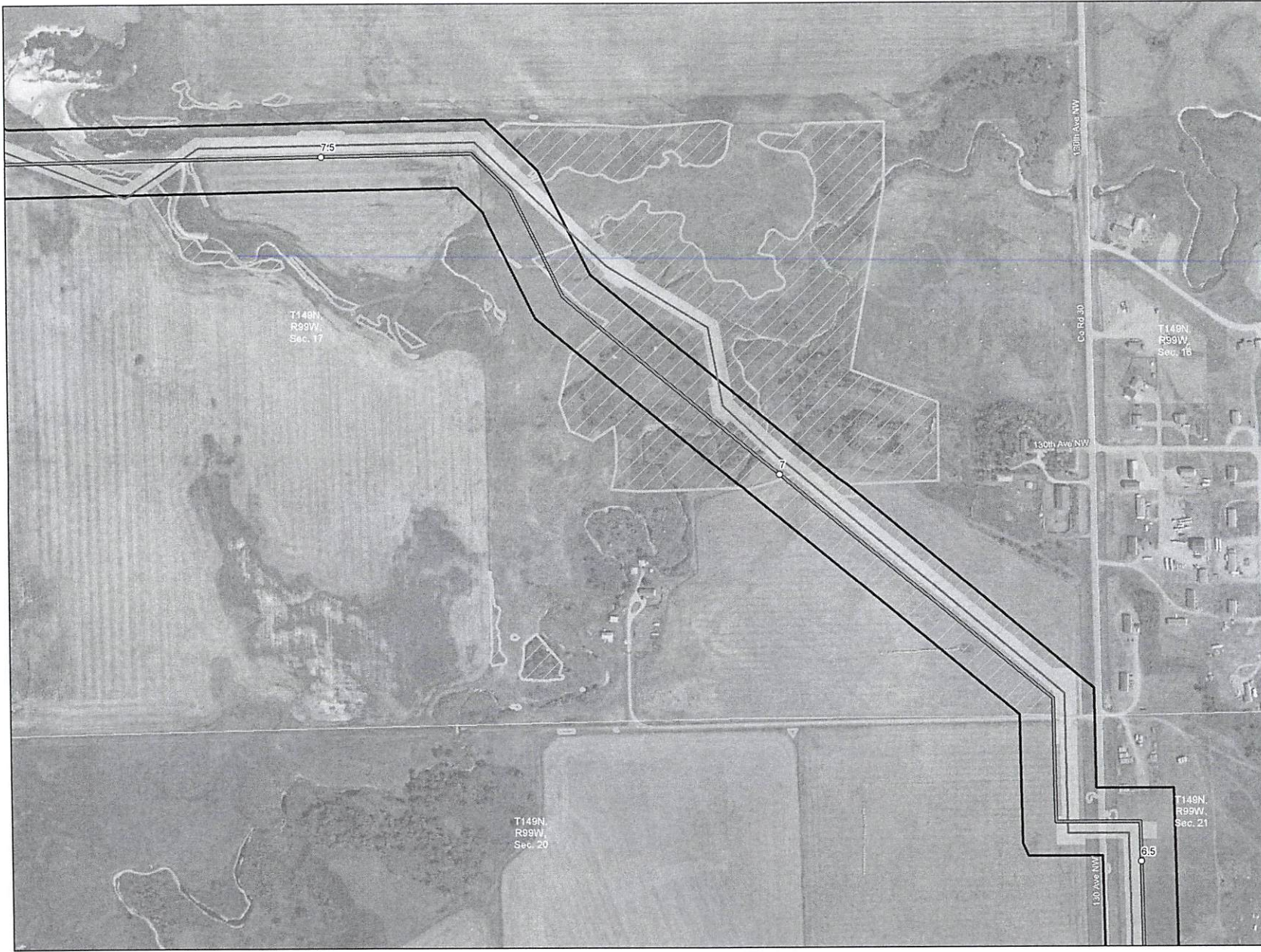
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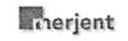
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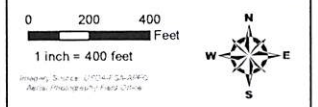
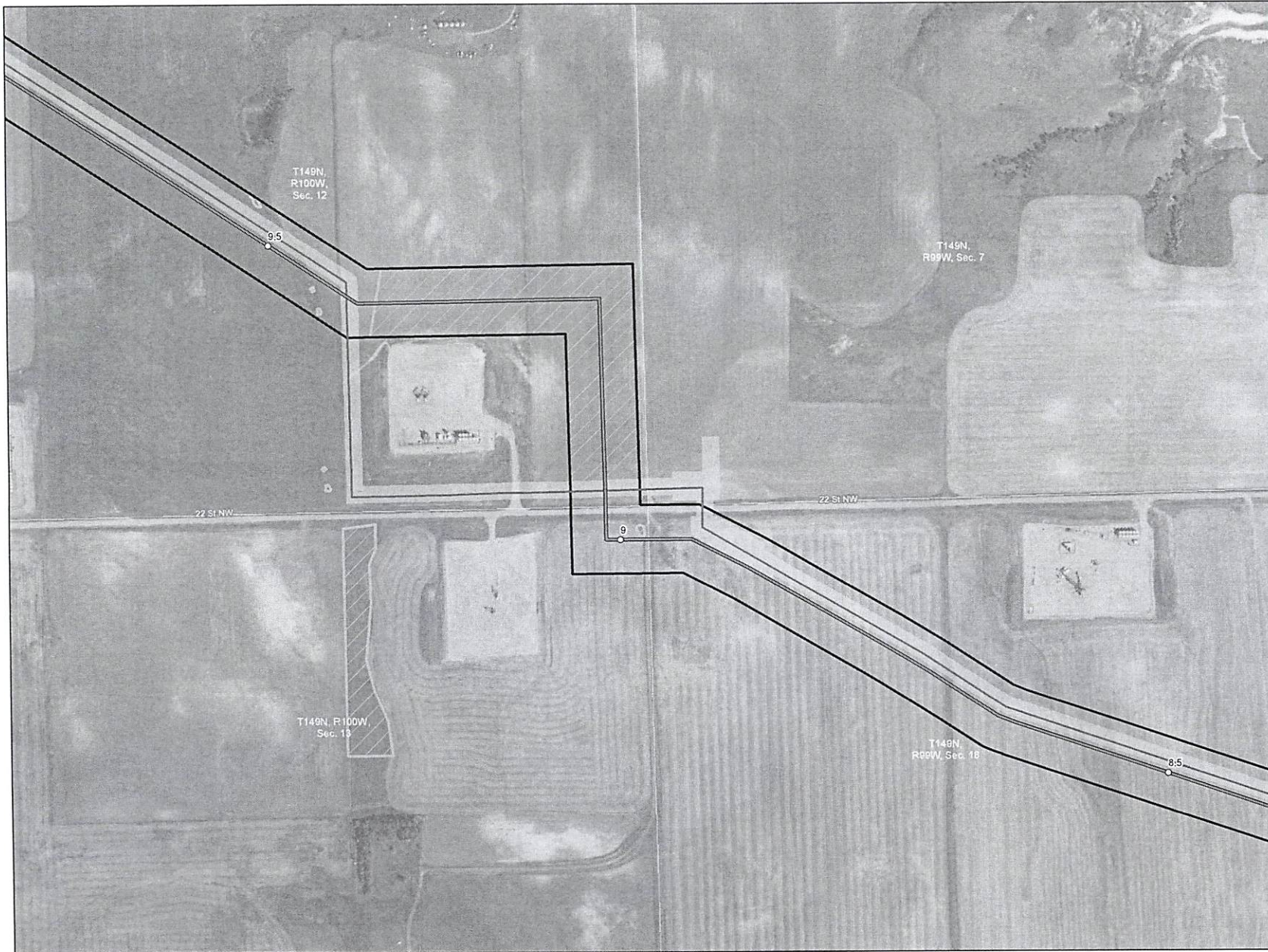




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