

September 26, 2025

Mr. Steve Kahl
Executive Secretary/Director of Administration
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard: Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Case No. PU-24-361

Basin Electric Power Cooperative - Leland Olds Station to Tande 345-kV Transmission

Line Project

Dear Mr. Kahl:

In accordance with item 32 of the Certification Relating to Order Provisions, please accept this site plan modification notification for Basin Electric Power Cooperative's (Basin Electric) Leland Olds Station to Tande 345-kV Transmission Line Project (PU-24-361). For structures 437-028 to 437-030, Basin Electric has had to look at alternative access options. Access from the west is limited by an oil well pad, wetland, and steep topography. Access from the east is limited due to the presence of a Dakota skipper habitat area that spanned the entire right-of-way (See **Figure 1**). This Dakota skipper habitat area was delineated by Western EcoSystems Technology, Inc. (WEST) in 2023. Understanding that WEST generally is conservative with these Dakota skipper habitat areas and can be more inclusive when mapping them, Basin Electric employed WEST to conduct a more thorough review of the area to help refine the habitat locations. Per **Figure 2**, WEST narrowed the area to two smaller habitat locations. Also included in **Figure 2** is a self-imposed additional 15-foot buffer around these two locations and the proposed access through them.

This access will stay within the established corridor, as reflected in the Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 237. Like all Dakota skipper habitat areas within the established corridor, Basin Electric will fence the areas to avoid any vehicle impacts. These two areas will also continue to be included in the Dakota skipper flight period buffers, established in accordance with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, where a 500-meter avoidance buffer will be placed around these habitats and no construction will occur during the flight period.

Please see the attached figures showing the adjusted habitat locations and notarized Certification that Basin Electric Power Cooperative will comply with the Commissioner's order, law and rules designating the corridor and route. If you have any questions or require additional information for this submittal, please contact me at edukart@bepc.com or 701-557-5557.

Sincerely,

Erin Fox Dukart

Director, Environmental Services

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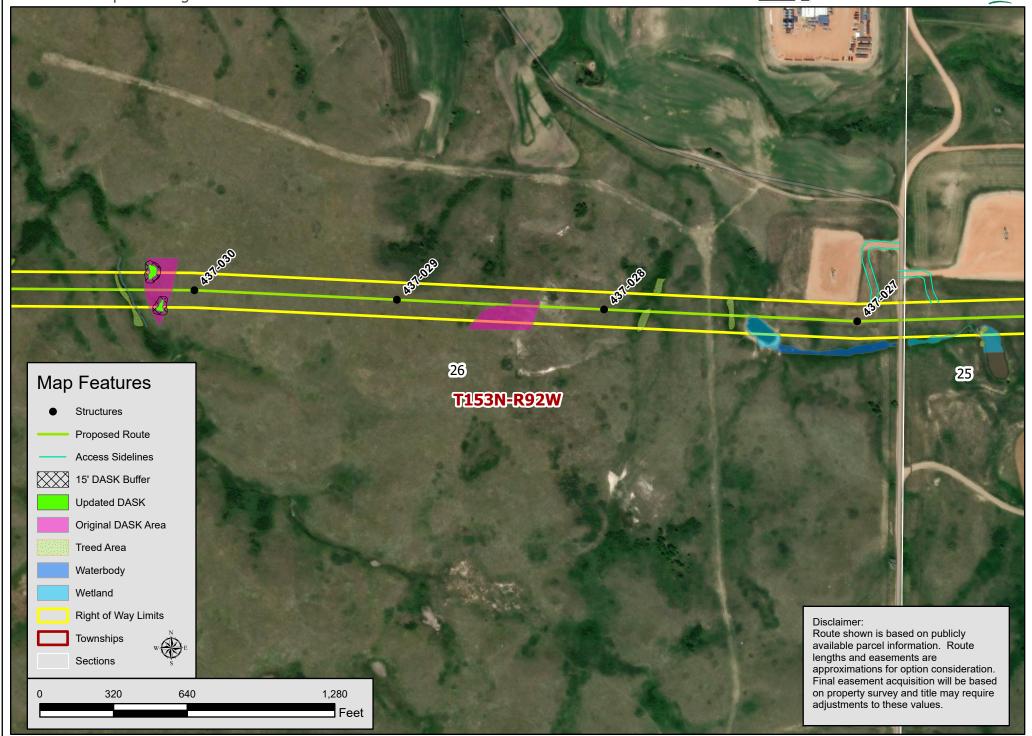
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Basin Electric Power Cooperative Erin Fox Dukart, Director, Envir. Svcs.

# **Leland Olds-to-Tande 345kV Transmission Project**

DASK Area Update - Figure 1

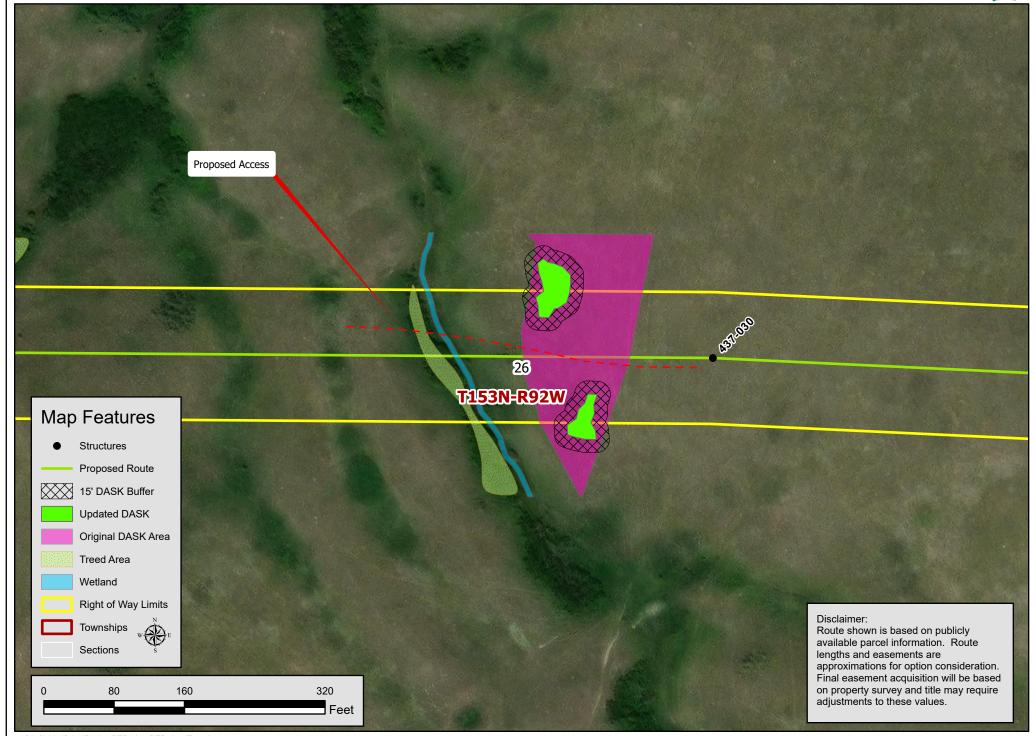




# **Leland Olds-to-Tande 345kV Transmission Project**

DASK Area Update - Figure 2







MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY. 03, 2027

### **CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT – TRANSMISSION FACILITY SITING**

### Case No. PU-24-361

#### BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE

I, Erin Fox Dukart, Director, Environmental Services, a duly authorized agent of Basin Electric Power Cooperative that has authority to bind the company in these matters, do hereby certify under oath:

- 1. That the Leland Olds Station to Tande Transmission Line (PU-24-361) will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance areas as defined under the North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-08-02(1) and (2).
- 2. That Basin Electric Power Cooperative will comply with all applicable conditions and protections in North Dakota siting laws and rules and the Commission's previously issued order, law and rules designating the corridor and route.

Dates at Bismarck, North Dakota this 26 day of September , 2025.

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Director, Environmental Services

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA )

Ss.

COUNTY OF BURLEIGH )

This instrument was acknowledged before me this day of Sept , 2025 by Erir Fox Dukart on behalf of Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

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