



Northern Divide Energy Storage, LLC

Northern Divide Energy Storage Project, Burke County

Case No. PU-24-371

Construction Inspection Report

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RE: Case No. PU-24-371
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Mr. Victor Schock - Project Manager
Director of Public Utilities
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Schock:

Attached is the Construction Inspection Report for the above referenced project. This report includes the following:

1. Executive Summary
2. Inspection Report
3. Appendix A – Photo Location Map
4. Appendix B - Photographs

Sincerely,

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Date: 7-24-2026	Inspection - 07/24/2026, Report - 7/28/2026
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Project: PU-24-371, Northern Divide Energy Storage Project	
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A construction inspection was performed to document Northern Divide Energy Storage, LLC's means and methods during construction for site conditions and erosion control measures to ensure compliance with Commission Laws and Orders.

GENERAL:

Site construction was ongoing in topsoil removed areas where contractors were installing energy storage and underground electrical. Several mobile offices were in-place and worker congregation areas on the NW side of the site. Site access was gravel with a track-out pad installed at site entrance for vehicle tracking management. The entrance and staging areas were gravel base. General site of installation was also gravel throughout areas of energy storage equipment. See photos 1,2,9,10,14.

Erosion control was in-place around all areas erosion could leave site. All silt fence was found to be in working condition with no soil loading. Extra silt fence was installed on NW corner of site to protect against gravel washout towards wetlands. See photos 3,4,8,11,16,18.

Topsoil and subsoil piles were found to be segregated and areas of excavation roped off with signing (see photos 8,10,15). All areas of liquid contaminants (aka fuel) had secondary containment around them to prevent spilling (see photos 5 & 12). Contractor had water truck on-site for wind erosion (see photo 22)

Storm water pond appeared to be in working order with spillway constructed (see photos 6,7,23)

ISSUES REQUIRING RESOLUTION:

No issues identified

PROPOSED RESOLUTION(S):

Not applicable

Upon Inspection, the site appears to follow the means and methods discussed with the inspector and meets the construction and Commission siting rules, laws, and applicable Orders except those listed above.

Inspector's Signature



INSPECTOR'S DIARY

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Date: 07/24/2026

Project: PU-24-371 Northern Divide Energy Storage

Contractor or Sub: Michels Power, LLC

Photo Description:

Photo Name:	Description:
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| P1 - Parking Lot | |
| P2 - Erosion Control NE Corner | |
| P3 - Erosion Control NE Corner near wetlands | |
| P4 - Fuel Containment example | |
| P5 - Storm water pond outlet overflow | |
| P6 - Storm water pond outlet pipe | |
| P7 - Topsoil Storage N side of site | |
| P8 - Battery Pack Site | |
| P9 - Battery Pack Site | |
| P10 - NW corner erosion control | |
| P11 - Fuel containment example | |
| P12 - Topsoil storage seeded | |
| P13 - General site image | |
| P14 - Subsoil stockpile | |
| P15 - storage area on West end of site | |
| P16 - West side erosion control | |
| P17 - Site conditions | |
| P18 - Erosion control south side | |
| P19 - Battery pack installation | |
| P20 - Battery pack bracing | |
| P21 - Electrical underground | |
| P22 - Water truck for erosion control | |
| P23 - Storm water pond overview | |

*See attached Photo Layout Map with location of each photo (P1-P24), and attached pages of photos

Inspector's Signature

	Daily Construction Observation Report	Job No./file NDPSC 191052	
			Date 07/24/2026

Project: Northern Divide Energy Storage

Location: Northern Divide Energy Storage

RPR Name: Matt Schaible

Start Time: 9:11 AM

End Time: 9:11 AM

Morning Weather: Sunny

Afternoon Weather:

Temp. (F): High 78 Low Unknown

Rainfall (in): 0

Utility Conflicts: No

Overall Comments: Overall site is contained with erosion control BMPs in-place around the site where storm water may leave site. Crews installing delivered battery storage units, working on underground, and installing mechanical systems.

Prime Contractor: Michels Company

Foreman Name: Abraham Hagstrom

of Crews: 25

Equipment Onsite: Dozers, skidsteers, excavators, crains

Contractor Notes: Michal's is installing battery units and underground electrical

Observations

Time: 3:17 PM

Description: General parking lot pad and staging area.

Comments: Parking lot was gravel base and is being maintained. Silt fence surrounding the site. Track out mats at entrance to ND 40.

Time: 3:27 PM

Description: Wetland Area protection

Comments: Observable wetland and drainage area was protected with silt fence. A secondary silt fence was installed behind the trailer offices to catch gravel erosion due to site contours and large rain storms the site has been experiancing

Time: 3:31 PM

Description: Fuel storage containment

Comments: All units with fuel storage or generators observed had containment for any potential leaks or spills. Spill kits were identified around the site

Time: 3:35 PM

Description: Storm water outlet structure

Comments: Concrete outlet was installed for storm water pond. Pond was graded . Outlet structure had low point for outlet flow. Ditch on outlet is in construction at this time.

Time: 3:41 PM

Description: Topsoil storage

Comments: Topsoil pile was segregated from other grading operations and has erosion control in place at limits of construction.

Time: 3:49 PM

Description: Topsoil storage

Comments: Topsoil storage was seeded for erosion control in undisturbed pile area

Time: 3:54 PM

Description: Subsoil storage

Comments: Subsoils were being stored on the west side of site in a large stockpile. No evidence of topsoil in observable stockpile.

Time: 3:56 PM

Description: Erosion control

Comments: West side of site and SW corner had silt fence in place. No evidence of soil breaching or damage

Time: 4:01 PM

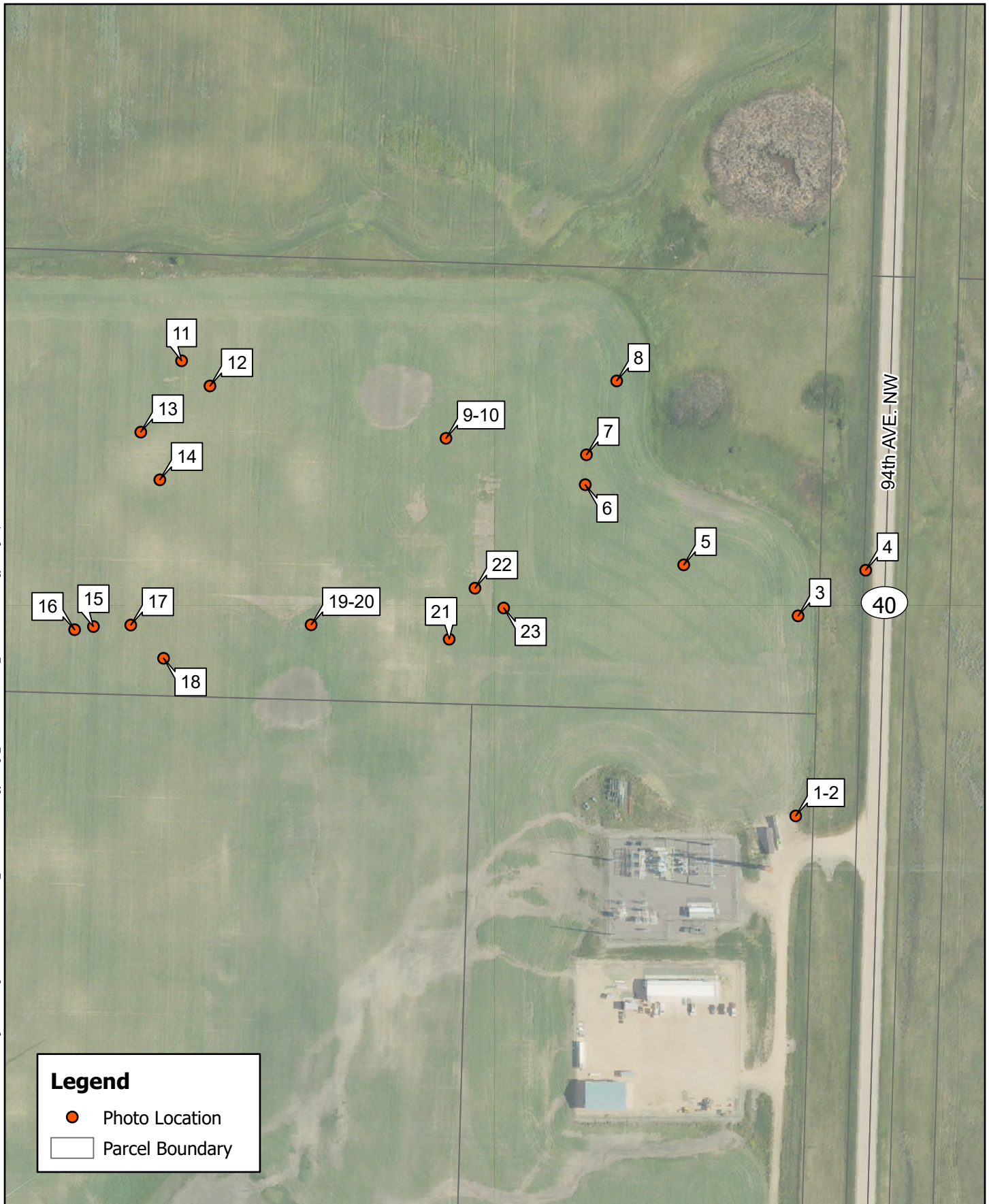
Description: Battery pack installed

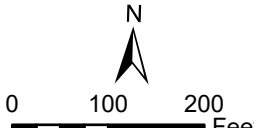
Comments: Installed battery packs were installed on foundations with electrical under each pack. The base under the packs was gravel.

Appendix A

Photo Location Map

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		Project: NDPSC 191051 Print Date: 7/28/2026 Map by: tschwarz Projection: NAD 1983 State Plane North Dakota N (US Feet) Source:	Northern Divide Energy Storage Burke County, ND	Figure 1
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This map is neither a legally recorded map nor a survey map and is not intended to be used as one. This map is a compilation of records, information, and data gathered from various sources listed on this map and is to be used for reference purposes only. SEH does not warrant that the Geographic Information System (GIS) Data used to prepare this map are error free, and SEH does not represent that the GIS Data can be used for navigational, tracking, or any other purpose requiring exacting measurement of distance or direction or precision in the depiction of geographic features. The user of this map acknowledges that SEH shall not be liable for any damages which arise out of the user's access or use of data provided.

Appendix B

Photos

Item Records

Location: Parking lot general -

Point Number: 1

Photo Number: 1-2

Time: 9:21 AM

Direction Facing: N

Notes: Gravel and maintained



Location: Parking lot NE corner

Point Number: 2

Photo Number: 3

Time: 9:24 AM

Direction Facing: NW

Notes: Erosion control in place for gravel parking lot to mitigate any soil runoff



Location: Shoulder of ND 40

Point Number: 3

Photo Number: 4

Time: 9:29 AM

Direction Facing: W

Notes: Silt fence protection and topsoil segregation



Location: N side of staging area

Point Number: 4

Photo Number: 5

Time: 9:33 AM

Direction Facing: S

Notes: Fuel containment example



Location: Storm water pond outlet

Point Number: 5

Photo Number: 6

Time: 9:38 AM

Direction Facing: N

Notes: Installed and ready for outlet protection at ditch bottom



Location: Storm water pond outlet

Point Number: 6

Photo Number: 7

Time: 9:39 AM

Direction Facing: W

Notes: Low flow pond outlet



Location: North side of site

Point Number: 7

Photo Number: 8

Time: 9:40 AM

Direction Facing: W

Notes: Topsoil segregated with erosion control in-place



Location: NE of battery pack site

Point Number: 8

Photo Number: 9-10

Time: 9:44 AM

Direction Facing: SW

Notes: Battery pack site



Location: NW corner of site

Point Number: 9

Photo Number: 11

Time: 9:46 AM

Direction Facing: W

Notes: Erosion control continuous



Location: NW corner of site

Point Number: 10

Photo Number: 12

Time: 9:47 AM

Direction Facing: W

Notes: Example fuel storage containment



Location: NW corner of site - topsoil

Point Number: 11

Photo Number: 13

Time: 9:50 AM

Direction Facing: SW

Notes: Topsoil was seeded for erosion control measure



Location: West side of site - Battery Pack Area

Point Number: 12

Photo Number: 14

Time: 9:51 AM

Direction Facing: E

Notes: Site work area



Location: West side of site

Point Number: 13

Photo Number: 15

Time: 9:53 AM

Direction Facing: N

Notes: Subsoil storage area on west side of site



Location: West side of site - erosion control

Point Number: 14

Photo Number: 16

Time: 9:55 AM

Direction Facing: N

Notes: Continuous erosion control silt fence in place



Location: South side of site

Point Number: 15

Photo Number: 17

Time: 9:58 AM

Direction Facing: E

Notes: Battery pack area



Location: South side of site

Point Number: 16

Photo Number: 18

Time: 9:59 AM

Direction Facing: E

Notes: Erosion control in-place and ditch grading to capture storm runoff



Location: South side Battery Pack

Point Number: 17

Photo Number: 19-20

Time: 10:03 AM

Direction Facing: E

Notes: Installed battery packs



Location: East side Battery Pack

Point Number: 18

Photo Number: 21

Time: 10:05 AM

Direction Facing: N

Notes: Underground conduit hub



Location: South side access road

Point Number: 19

Photo Number: 22

Time: 10:07 AM

Direction Facing: S

Notes: Watering of access roads



Location: Storm water Pond

Point Number: 20

Photo Number: 23

Time: 10:10 AM

Direction Facing: NE

Notes: Graded storm water pond





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