

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Geralyn R. Schmaltz deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **24th day of January 2024**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **3** envelopes by first class mail, fully prepaid, securely sealed each containing a photocopy of:

- **Notice of Filing and Notice of Opportunity for Consolidated Public Hearing**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

See attached list

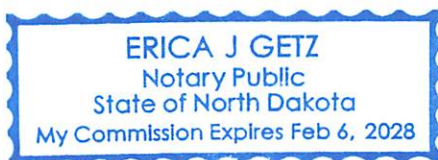
Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **24th day of January 2024**, she sent an electronic message to **57** addressees, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

The electronic mails were addressed as follows:

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The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic mail addresses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **24th day of January 2024**.



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A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Erica J Getz", written over a horizontal line.

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**NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSOLIDATED
PUBLIC HEARING**

On December 11, 2024, Minnesota Power & Light (Minnesota Power) and Great River Energy (Great River) filed applications for a corridor certificate, route permit and a waiver of procedures and time schedules for a high-voltage direct-current (HVDC) modernization project. The proposed project includes the construction of a new HVDC terminal, two new substations, an associated electric station yard, and new or re-routed transmission facilities to connect the new substations and HVDC converter station to existing transmission infrastructure. Minnesota Power will own and operate most of the proposed facilities; however, Great River will own the two 230-kV re-routed transmission line segments. The proposed corridor and route are within Township 142 North, Range 83 West, in Oliver County, North Dakota, as shown on the attached map.

Minnesota Power and Great River request the Commission waive procedures and time schedules under North Dakota Century Code chapter 49-22 and North Dakota Administrative Code article 69-06 to allow consolidated applications for a corridor certificate and route permit and waive the requirement to hold a public hearing.

The issues to be considered in Minnesota Power and Great River applications for a 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 Minnesota Power and Great River application for certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit are:

1. Will the location, construction, 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?

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearings must be received by March 5, 2025.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a formal hearing.

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.

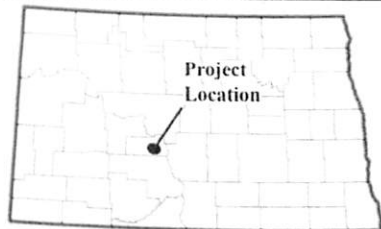
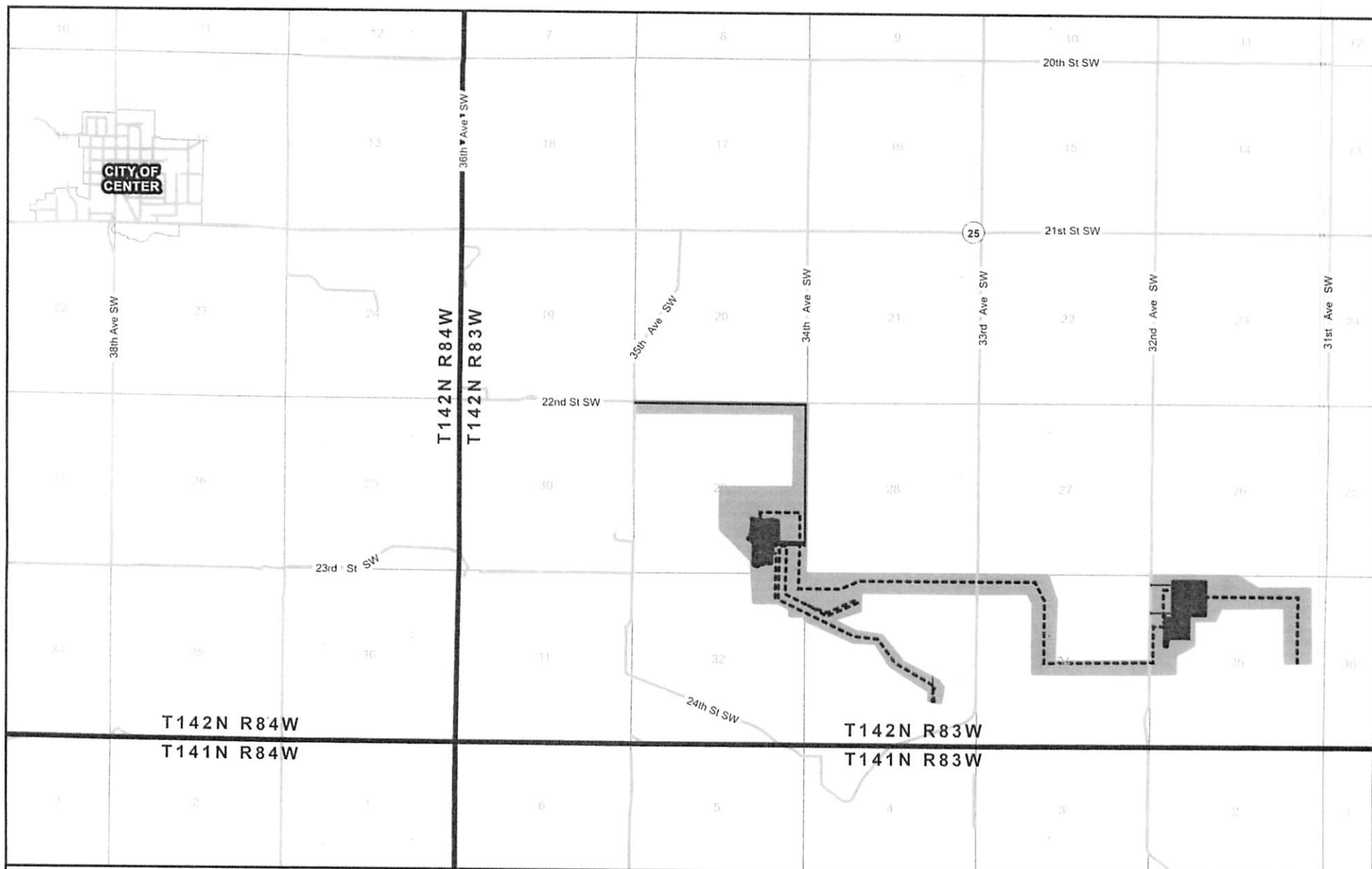
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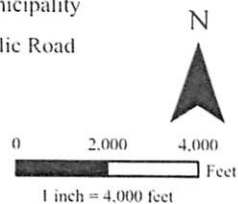

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- Project Corridor
- Project Route
- Project Facilities
- Township Boundary
- Section Boundary
- Municipality
- Public Road



Project Location Map

HVDC Modernization Project

Oliver County, North Dakota