

HVDC Modernization Project PU-24-382 PSC Pre-Construction Meeting Notes

Date: August 26, 2026

Attendees: North Dakota Public Service Commission (Adam Renfandt), Great River Energy (Michael Swenson, Matt Burkhardt, Jaren Porter), Fredrikson & Byron (Mollie Smith, Ellen Stojak)

Purpose

Conduct pre-construction meeting for the portion of the HVDC Modernization Project that will be constructed and owned by Great River Energy in Oliver County (Project) and review North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) permit conditions.

Key Discussion Topics

Introductions and Opening Remarks

Contacts for the Project were identified. Anson Belcourt, a senior field representative for Great River Energy, will serve as the point of contact for landowner complaints during construction. The parties discussed that the PSC will not retain a construction inspector.

Project Schedule

- The Project is in the process of securing a building permit from Oliver County. The Project is also in the process of securing easements from landowners to enable construction.
- Construction is anticipated to begin on or after September 14, 2026.

PSC Permit Conditions

Adam Renfandt reviewed the Certification Relating to Order Provisions (Certification) incorporated into the PSC's Order issuing a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for the Project, including:

- Certification Provision No. 9, noting that coordination on topsoil with a PSC construction inspector will not be applicable for this Project.
- Certification Provision No. 11, which addresses topsoil removal and segregation requirements along trench areas. The parties discussed that trenching activities are not anticipated for this Project, as structure installation locations will be augered.

- Certification Provision No. 18, which addresses restoration requirements for township and county roads.
- Certification Provision No. 19, which addresses reclamation, fertilization, and reseeding requirements.
- Certification Provision No. 30, which addresses PSC notification in the case of extraordinary events including injuries to any person. The parties discussed the understanding that injury reporting typically applies to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) reportable injuries.
- Certification Provision No. 33, which addresses submission of as-builts within three (3) months of completion of construction.
- Certification Provision No. 36, which addresses route adjustment compliance filing requirements.

Also discussed that a construction report should be submitted monthly via email to the PSC (ndpsc@nd.gov) with Adam cc'd (arenfandt@nd.gov).

Key Contacts

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