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Bloom TOWNSHIP - PERMIT APPLICATION

CONDITIONAL USE (X); ZONING CHANGE (___); VARIANCE (___)

Name of applicant: otter tail

Mailing Address: _____

Jamestown

Phone Numbers: work 218-770-7459; home _____; cell _____

If applicant is a business or organization; Title of authorized agent: Kirs Koch

Subject Property is located in: TWP 140 Range 63 (quarter) of Section 11-12

Subject Property address: _____

Purpose of requested change: _____

Describe proposed construction: Transmission line Jamestown to Elendele

Present land use: Pasture

Proposed land use: Add Transmission line

Signature of applicant or authorized agent: _____

Additional items required (please attach)

Date of Application 12/9/24

- ☐ Map of area.
- ☐ Boundary line survey of site.
- ☐ Map showing proposed work/structures.
- ☐ Time line for work showing start and completion dates.
- ☐ Written approval of road authority for any new access roads.
- ☐ Permit application fee in the amount of \$ 4500.
(Make checks payable to Bloom Township)

Date Received ____/____/____ By _____

A township's building permit application form must include a statement that if the building or structure for which the permit is requested meets all applicable zoning regulations and the board of township supervisors or other appropriate official fails to respond within sixty days of receiving the application, the application is deemed approved. Upon receipt of a building permit application, a township shall note on the application the date of receipt and shall provide a copy of the submitted application to the applicant with the date of receipt noted.

Notice of a zoning hearing must be published at least 15 days prior to hearing.



CUP doc

1 message

Koch, Kris <kkoch@otpc.com>

To: Duane Haskin <haskinduane@gmail.com>

Mon, Dec 9, 2024 at 10:22 AM

Conditional Use Permit for the JETx transmission project

The Bloom township Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing on November 7th at 7:00 PM at the Jamestown Rural Fire Hall. Hearing no objection at the zoning hearing the Board of Supervisors considered the request at the December 3rd, 2024, Public Hearing and approved the request, extending the timeframe for construction to start for up to four (4) years due receiving state permits can take more than 1 year.

Chairman of the Zoning Commission

Date 12-9-2024

^{Bloom}
The ~~Russell~~ township Board of Supervisors hereby approve the Conditional use permit for JETx Transmission line project.

Chairman of the Board

Date 12-9-2024

Clerk

Date 12-9-2024

Corwin Township

Update to current zoning ordinance October 2024.

Conditionally Permitted Uses Pertaining to:

Electric Transmission Lines and Associated Construction.

Above ground electric transmission lines being installed, rated at One Hundred, fifteen kilovolt amps and above, and/or in height of fifty feet and taller from surface of earth below, must avoid areas within twenty-six hundred and forty feet [804.7 meters] of an inhabited rural residence. This criterion only applies to above ground electric transmission lines, and does not rule over gas, oil, or water pipelines above the surface. The twenty-six hundred and forty feet [804.7 meter] avoidance area criteria for an inhabited rural residence may be waived by the owner of the inhabited residence in writing, notarized by public notary, recorded with Corwin Township and Stutsman County recorder.

Below ground transmission lines being installed, rated at One Hundred, fifteen kilovolt amps and above, must avoid areas within five hundred feet [152.4 meters] of an inhabited rural residence. This criterion only applies to electric transmission lines, and does not rule over gas, oil, or water pipelines below the surface. The five hundred feet [152.4 meters] avoidance area criteria for an inhabited rural residence may be waived by the owner of the inhabited residence in writing, notarized by public notary, recorded with Corwin Township and Stutsman County recorder.

Design of electrical transmission projects must be presented to current township board officials with defined route, detailed build lay out of structures, and approval in writing of all landowners affected by proposed project in setback required areas along proposed route, ten (10) business days before building permit is requested from township. Additional permits may be required for construction equipment to use township roadways, to be considered with building permits.

Corwin Township, Stutsman County, ND

Zoning and Planning Committee Meeting and Board of Supervisors Meeting

Meeting Details.

Location: Old Elevator Office

Meeting Facilitator: Jake Emo

Secretary: Amy Kastet, Clerk /Treasurer

Date: June 10th, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Jake Emo at 6:30. Board Members Jake Emo, Leon Westerhausen and Bill Ringuette were present.

Present were.

25 Attendees.

Zoning and Planning Committee Meeting.

Agenda.

- Ottertail/MDU update.
 - Seven homeowners responses
 - Landowner responses
- Open for Public comment.

The board voted on a Variance for the set back. With all Voting No.

The Board voted on the Conditional Use Permit. Leon motioned to "NOT" Pass the Conditional Use Permit. Bill Seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor of not passing the Conditional Use Permit.

Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Agenda.

- Review Recommendation.
- Variance Discussion and recording
- Conditional use Vote.
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All in favor of voting no to Conditional Use Permit. No need to record.

Adjournment.

Supervisor Jake Emo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:36.

6/10/2025 Corwin Township Zoning and Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Open with Zoning and Planning Committee meeting.

Call to order at 6:30 PM

- Ottertail/MDU update and or progress
 - Seven homeowner's responses
 - Landowner's responses
- Open for public comment – open to hear from crowd

Zoning committee to come up with recommendations for Board of Supervisors.

Close Meeting (Hopefully by 7 PM)

Call to order of Board of Supervisors Meeting (Approx. 7 PM)

- Review Recommendation
 - Discussion if needed.
- Variance discussion and recording.
- Conditional Use Vote.
 - Plan of recording and any action items to be completed.

Close Meeting of Board of Supervisors (Approx 7:20 PM)

Conditional Use Permit for the JETx transmission project

The Fried township Zoning Commission held a Public hearing on November 19th at 7:00 PM.

Hearing no objection at the hearing the board considered the request at the October 30th, 2024, meeting and approved the request, extending the timeframe for construction to start for up to four (4) years due to the need for more time to get all state permits can take more than 1 year.

Chairman of the Zoning Commission Joel Stetler Date 11-19-24

The Russell township Board of Supervisors hereby approve the Conditional use permit for the JETx Transmission line project.

Chairman of the Board Allen R. Fink Date 11-19-24

Clerk Beth Schwandt Date 12-19-24

HOMER TOWNSHIP

Update to current zoning ordinance November 22, 2024

Conditionally permitted uses pertaining to:

Electric transmission lines and associated construction.

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Below ground transmission lines being installed, rated at one hundred, fifteen kilovolt amps and above, must avoid areas within five hundred feet (152.4 meters) of an inhabited rural residence.

This criterion only applies to electric transmission lines, and does not rule over gas, oil, or water pipelines below the surface. The five hundred feet (152.4 meters) avoidance area criteria for an inhabited rural residence may be waived by the owner of the inhabited residence in writing notarized by public notary, recorded with Homer Township and Stutsman County recorder.

Design of electrical transmission projects must be presented to current township board officials with defined route, detailed build lay out of structures, and approval in writing of all landowners affected by proposed project in setback required areas along proposed route, ten (10) business days before building permit is requested from township. Additional permits may be required for construction equipment to use township roadways, to be considered with building permits

Sammy Wagner

Shirley Parker

Donald Johnson

Date:

11-22-24

June 17 2025

Special Zoning meeting recommendation from the Homer Township Zoning Commission Board

Diane opened the meeting asking for the Homer Township Zoning Board Commission recommendation.

The Zoning Board commission recommended that Homer Township Board deny the JetX conditional use and variance application.

A motion was made by Don to accept the Zoning Board Commission recommendation, 2nd by Chris.
Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Chris Finch to adjourn the meeting 2nd by Don Jochim.

Meeting adjourned

Nancy Thompson

Clerk/Secretary

Homer Township

Conditional Use Permit for the JETx transmission project

The Rose township Zoning Commission held a public hearing on October 15th at 7:00 PM. Hearing no objection at the zoning hearing the board of supervisors considered the request at the November 7th, 2024, meeting and approved the request, extending the timeframe for construction to start for up to four (4) years due to the need for more time to get all state permits can take more than 1 year.

Chairman of the Zoning Commission

John P. Lunk
on behalf of Board

Date 11/7/2024

The Rose township Board of Supervisors hereby approve the Conditional use permit for the JETx Transmission line project.

Chairman of the Board

Tim Scott

Date 11-7-24

Clerk

Shelley Jones

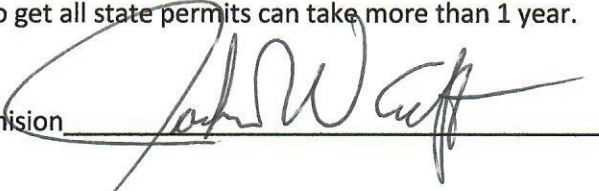
Date 11-7-24

Conditional Use Apporval for the J>ETx Transission Line.

The Spiritwood Township Zoning Commission, held a Public hearing on Sept 30,2024 at 7:00 PM.

Hearing no objection at the hearing, the board considered the request at the Oct 14^h,2024 neeting and approved the request, extending the timeframe for construction to start for up to 4 ^{me} years due to the need for more time to get all state permits can take more than 1 year.

Chairman of Zoning Commision



The Spiritwood board of Supervisor hereby approve the Conditional use permit for the J>ETx Transmission Line.

Chairman of the Board



Clerk



10-14-2024

Adrian TOWNSHIP PERMIT

Permit No. 010

Building(☐); Zoning Change(☐); Conditional Use(☒); Site Approval(☐) This permit is issued to: Otter Tail Power Company and Montana Dakota Utilities Co.

Name of applicant: Kristopher Koch

Mailing Address: 215. S Cascade St. Fergus Falls, MN 56538

Phone Numbers: work 218 739-8514; home; cell

If applicant is a business or organization; Title of authorized agent: Principal Transmission Project Developer

Subject Property is located in: Sections 5, 6, 8, 9, 16, 21, 28 and 33

(quarter) of Section Subject Property address:

For the purpose of: new 345 kV transmission line

Applicant has(☒) or has not (☐) met all the requirements of Adrian

Township Zoning Regulations.

Applicant is required to meet these conditions: Permitted Uses under 5.1.3.3 Voltage transmission lines and Accessory Structures.

Absent further action by the Township Board to extend the permit term, the Conditional Use Permit for the Project will expire if construction has not begun within four years after the date of issuance of the Conditional Use Permit. For purposes of this provision, the term "construction" means any clearing of land, excavation, or other action that would affect the environment of the site, but not including activities incident to preliminary engineering or environmental studies. And to ensure that all construction and uses will conform to Adrian Township and State building codes and ordinances.

Adrian Township reserves the right to enter subject property to gather information pertinent to this permit and to ensure compliance with any Conditions.

11 1/12 12024

Date



Chairperson of Township Supervisors

Township Name Adrian Event Name _____

Date 11-12 Start Time 7:00 End Time _____

Township Officers

Name Donny Schrader Address 5653 85th Ave SE Twp. Adrian

Name Jacob Barnick Address 3589 Hwy 63 Twp. Adrian

Name Aaron Knudson Address 8945 57th St SE Twp. Adrian

Attendees

Name _____ Address _____ Twp. _____

Name _____ Address _____ Twp. _____

Name _____ Address _____ Twp. _____

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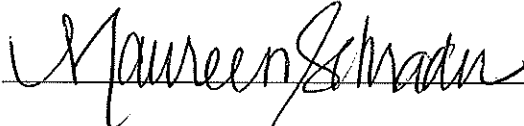
Conditional Use Permit for the JETx transmission project

The Adrian township Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on November 12th at 7:00 PM at the Rabbit Hole in Adrain ND. Hearing no objection the Board of Supervisors approve the request and extending the timeframe for construction to start for up to four (4) years due to the need for more time to get all state permits can take more than 1 year.

Chairman of the Zoning Commission  Date 11-12-2024

The Adran Township Board of Supervisors hereby approve the Conditional use permit for the JETx Transmission line project.

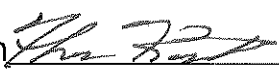
Chairman of the Board  Date 11-12-2024

Clerk  Date 11-12-2024

Conditional Use Permit for the JETx transmission project

The Russell township Zoning Commission held a Public hearing on October 3rd at 10:00 AM.

Hearing no objection at the hearing the board considered the request at the October 17th, 2024, meeting and approved the request, extending the timeframe for construction to start for up to four (4) years due to the need for more time to get all state permits can take more than 1 year.

Chairman of the Zoning Commission  Date 10/24/24

The Russell township Board of Supervisors hereby approve the Conditional use permit for the JETx Transmission line project.

Chairman of the Board  Date 10/24/24

Clerk  Date 10/24/24

June 25, 2025

To:

Ottertail Power Company

215 S. Cascade St.
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Montana-Dakota Utilities Company

400 N. Fourth St.
Bismarck, ND 58501-4092

Notice is hereby given that on June 17th, a Russell Township meeting was held at which time the Russell Township board voted to revoke the conditional use permit granted to Ottertail Power Company and Montana-Dakota Utilities Company. The board is hereby giving notice that the residents and township board of Russell township DO NOT want the dishonest and unethical Ottertail Power Company or Montana-Dakota Utilities Company constructing the Jamestown to Ellendale 345KV Jetex transmission line in Russell township, Lamoure County, ND.

See attached petitioner's objection. Also enclosed check for refund of permit fee.

Joel Leppert
Chairman

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company/Montana-Dakota
Utilities Co. 345kV Transmission Line-Jamestown
to Ellendale Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-24-91

**PETITIONERS' OBJECTION TO APPLICANTS' IMPROPER FILING
OF PROPOSED ORDER AND REQUEST FOR FAIR
CONSIDERATION OF THE RECORD**

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Counsel for the Petitioners
A Coalition of Landowners, Townships, and Interested Parties

Dated: June 17, 2025

Petitioners respectfully object to the “Proposed Order” submitted by Applicants on June 16, 2025. Although styled as a procedural draft, the document functions as an improper sur-reply. It introduces new factual assertions, legal arguments, and characterizations of Petitioners’ filings that were not raised in the Applicants’ June 6 response.

The Commission has not requested proposed findings or orders from the parties at this stage. Petitioners have had no opportunity to respond to the newly advanced arguments in the “Proposed Order,” many of which misrepresent the Petition, distort the governing legal framework, or incorrectly assert the finality of the Commission’s November 2024 Order.

For example, the Proposed Order asserts that “[t]his is not a siting proceeding” and that “Petitioners’ arguments related to N.D.C.C. ch. 49-22 are not ripe,” despite extensive briefing by Petitioners demonstrating that the Applicants were legally required to proceed—and could only proceed—under Chapter 49-22 as of their February 29, 2024 application, because the proposed 345kV Jamestown to Ellendale transmission line qualifies as a high-voltage transmission line under N.D.C.C. § 49-22-03(6). These arguments remain unresolved and are central to the Petition.

The Applicants state in their June 6 response that “the siting proceeding has yet to commence.” Opposition at 6. They state in their June 16 sur-reply, submitted under the guise of a proposed order, that “[s]hould a siting application be filed for the Project, a siting proceeding will be initiated and the siting factors under N.D.C.C. ch. 49-22 will be addressed by the Commission at that time.” Proposed Order at 3. These admissions confirm that the February 29 application was legally defective. The Commission lacked authority to approve the project under ch. 49-03, as exclusive jurisdiction to site and approve high-voltage transmission lines lies under ch. 49-22.

Any suggestion that the Applicants may now proceed under ch. 49-22, while remaining noncommittal about whether they will file at all, amounts to a tacit admission that their original application was improper. This pattern of statutory evasion and procedural misdirection cannot continue, and the Commission should not lend it further credibility by adopting the Proposed Order. The Commission should vacate all actions taken under PU-24-91 and require full compliance with North Dakota’s siting laws.

As noted in Petitioners’ June 13 Response (p. 5):

This case involves more than a routine application for a transmission line. It raises a serious question about whether North Dakota’s siting

laws can be bypassed through selective statutory filing. Otter Tail Power and MDU applied under the wrong statute, N.D.C.C. ch. 49-03, and in doing so avoided the procedural safeguards required under ch. 49-22. Their approach deprived affected landowners, local governments, and the public of the notice, hearing, and evidentiary rights the law requires.

And at pp. 15–16:

While Applicants claim the Commission made all necessary findings for a [Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity], this argument presumes the wrong statute applies and ignores the procedural shortcomings in the Commission’s decision. The November 20 Order contains no evaluation of local land use impacts, no acknowledgment of township input, and no engagement with the broader public interest considerations required for transmission projects under ch. 49-22. Reopening the proceeding is not only justified, but necessary to ensure the Commission complies with its statutory obligations and does not allow jurisdictional evasion through selective reliance on ch. 49-03.

The problem is compounded by the Commission’s finding in the November 20 Order that “public convenience and necessity will be served by the construction and operation of the facilities.” Although framed as a ch. 49-03 determination, this language closely mirrors the public interest factors that are reserved for analysis under ch. 49-22, including environmental effects, alternative locations, and land use compatibility. Yet the Order contains no findings addressing those issues. The result is a finding of public convenience made without the evidentiary record or procedural safeguards required by law. This creates concrete prejudice: the Commission’s summary conclusion gives the appearance that the project has already passed a full public interest test, potentially predisposing future proceedings and undermining the integrity of the siting process.

Additionally, the Proposed Order asserts that Petitioners’ filings are untimely under rules governing intervention, reopening, and reconsideration.

But these are legal questions that remain in dispute. Petitioners proceed under N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-06-01 and the Commission's continuing jurisdiction under N.D.C.C. § 28-32-40(5). They have shown that the Commission retains ongoing authority under N.D.C.C. §§ 28-32-39, 28-32-40(5), and ch. 49-22—the only statute applicable to high-voltage transmission lines—and that the November 2024 Order lacks the findings and conclusions required to constitute a final, reviewable agency action.

Petitioners respectfully request that the Commission not adopt the Applicants' Proposed Order or treat it as a final recommendation. To do so would deny Petitioners a fair opportunity to respond to new legal and factual claims raised without invitation and would risk prejudging the merits of the Petition based solely on the arguments of the Applicants.

If the Commission is even remotely inclined to consider adopting any form of the Applicants' Proposed Order, Petitioners respectfully request the opportunity to submit a proposed order of their own, so that the record reflects both sides' legal arguments and requested findings.

This proceeding has significant implications for rural landowners and townships across North Dakota. The Commission's process must remain open, impartial, and grounded in law. Affected communities deserve more

than a rushed procedural dismissal based on one party's uninvited draft. The Commission should give full and fair consideration to the legal questions raised in the Petition, which go to the heart of whether this project was lawfully approved and whether it may proceed further under North Dakota law.

In summation, the proposed 345kV Jamestown to Ellendale transmission line was processed under the wrong statute. It advanced without the notice, environmental review, or public participation that North Dakota law requires for high-voltage transmission lines. The Commission approved the project without making the detailed findings or legal conclusions necessary to authorize a project of this scale.

Petitioners submit that the project is not just procedurally defective, but substantively unjustified. They do not want their communities transformed into industrial corridors of transmission lines and wind towers serving foreign investors and out-of-state markets. They seek to protect their land, their livelihoods, and the rural character of North Dakota.

Petitioners ask the Commission to do what the law requires and fairness demands: rescind the approval, acknowledge that no public necessity has been shown, and stop this project from moving forward.

Dated: June 17, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Douglas J. Nill

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RESOLUTION FOR MORATORIUM

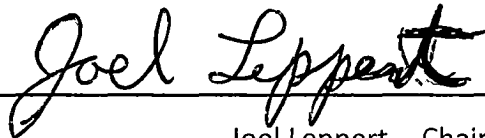
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RUSSELL, LAMOURE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, TO ADOPT AN
ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECTS

At a meeting of Russell Township, held on June 17th 2025, the following resolution as presented.

WHEREAS, the Board of Russell Township finds it reasonable and necessary to impose a moratorium on High Voltage Transmission Line Projects. The purpose of the moratorium is to allow the Township adequate time to update zoning ordinances and obtain more information about the route and safety of the project.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Russell Township Board that a moratorium on High Voltage Transmission Line Projects is adopted for the period of time necessary to adopt adequate, applicable land use amendments and this resolution shall take effect upon recording and publication. The time period for this resolution is for two years, but can be shortened, extended, or removed upon vote of the Russell Township Board.

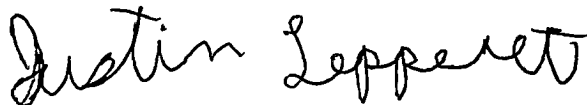
BY ORDER OF THE RUSSELL TOWNSHIP BOARD this 17th day of June, 2025



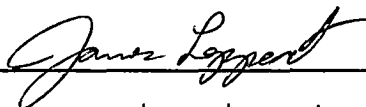
Joel Leppert Chairman



Tom Kartes Supervisor



Justin Leppert Supervisor



James Leppert Clerk





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LAMOURE COUNTY RECORDER Doc #183591

**I certify that this instrument was filed and recorded
on 6/19/2025 at 2:50 PM. Fee \$0.00**

By Laurie Good, Deputy LAURIE GOOD, Recorder

Russell Township

On June 17, 2025, the Russell Township Board met and after discussion found it timely and necessary to update its comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances to bring them into compliance with state statutes and also to further protect the township and its residents. Due to the changing conditions in our township and the amount of time necessary to accomplish these goals, the township board voted to establish 2 year moratoriums on Renewable Energy Development, High Voltage Transmission Lines, AI Data and Crypto Mining Centers, Air Carbon Capture Facilities, Carbon Pipelines, Nuclear and or

Marion has always been about people—hardworkous, and proud of their roots. “We hope this celebration everyone back together, even if it’s just for a weekend Marion 125th committee.

JOIN THE CELEBRATION

All are welcome to attend Marion’s 125th celebration more information, updates, or to get involved, follow the ND 125th Celebration page on Facebook or contact committee members.

Come for the memories. Stay for the stories. Be history.

Industrial Waste Disposal Sites and Renewable Energy Battery Storage Sites. These moratoriums can be shortened, extended, or removed upon a vote of the Russell Township Board.

Publish June 25, 2025

LaMoure Chronicle. June 25, 2025.

Dear (OTP) Otter Tail Power Company,

We are responding to your question of reason for the denial of the Conditional Use Permit regarding the JetX project presented to the Wano Township Zoning Committee.

The Wano Township Comprehensive Plan states as follows but not limited to the following reasons and/or precautions.

Goal #1, Policy 4. Encourage siting public facilities and utility easements in locations, which would minimize interference with farming.

Goal #2, Policies 1-4.

1. Discourage nonagricultural development on fertile soils.
2. Prevent undesirable, incompatible land uses from locating in the Township unless they meet appropriate conditions.
3. Make land use decisions in accordance with this plan.
4. Deter offensive and incompatible land use from locating near dwellings and communities.

Goal #4, Policies 2-3.

2. Actively solicit public opinion about land use decisions.
3. Consider using citizen input when making public decisions.

The Wano Township Zoning Regulation states as follows but not limited to the following reasons and/or precautions.

6.16 Utilities

1. The term "utilities" includes, but is not limited to, electric power, electrical transmission lines, wind conversion systems, commercial wind generators, dams, electrical and telephone towers and substations, natural gas pipelines, the petroleum product pipelines, water and sewer lines, telephone lines and other above ground or underground communication and energy transfer lines and pipelines.
2. All pipelines, natural gas, petroleum pipelines and other energy transfer lines shall be placed deep enough into the ground so as to not interfere with or becomes hazardous to normal farming operations.

8.2.6 Standards

- 8.2.6.1 That the establishment, maintenance or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort or general welfare.

- 8.2.6.2 That the uses, values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already permitted shall be in no foreseeable manner substantially impaired or diminished by the establishment, maintenance or operation of the conditional use.
- 8.2.6.3 That the establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district. That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary site improvements have been or are being provided.

We are citing that the contract is not clear according to prospected landowners contacted to sign easements. The contract is not clear on what type of easement they are signing. Is it a strip easement or blanket easement? Many concerns have also arisen that if they sign the easement, according to the contract, the easement can be sold, given away, transferred, etc. to other project developers. In that case landowners are concerned for their property rights and future projects on their land without having future authority on their land. This project is trying to be pushed through very quickly which is alarming, especially when bills are trying to be passed into law punishing local government if they interfere with such projects.

Randy Christmann of the Public Service Commission opposed the MDU and OTP joint application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. He also wrote a letter of dissent which also raised many concerns and brought to our attention a few unanswered questions. (See Attachment)

This power line will not benefit our local power cooperatives that supply power to the rural areas but is proposed to be built on the rural areas that our local power cooperatives supply power to. The liability of this power line is on the landowners, and they do not want to take on this liability. Thoughts and input of the landowners asked to sign these contracts should be considered and able to revise and review the stipulations in the contracts to have common, agreeable terms and transparency.

In addition, MISO has been referred to by OTP representatives. We have not seen or been contacted by any MISO representatives to provide clarity on this project. This is projected as Tranche 1 or "phase one" of an 18 Tranche project. Future benefits, repercussions, obstacles, and property rights, to name a few things, have not been discussed. We would like to meet with MISO representatives, in person, before any conditional use permit is potentially granted. Transparency has been very vague to what the future plans are if this power line is constructed. Honesty is the best policy. That has not been the case here. The trust and the respect from the land owners has been lost. We are here to represent the people that have elected us to local government and we hereby with the majority of the people oppose the Jetx project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Wano Township Zoning Committee

Mayne Ward
Administrator

2-26-25
Date

Cody M Repp
Supervisor

2-26-25
Date

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Otter Tail Power Company/Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
345kV Transmission Line-Jamestown to Ellendale
Public Convenience & Necessity**

Case No. PU-24-91

ORDER

November 20, 2024

Preliminary Statement

On February 29, 2024, Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed a joint application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct, own, and operate approximately 85 miles of 345kV transmission line and expand four substations located in Stutsman, LaMoure, and Dickey Counties in North Dakota.

On March 27, 2024, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. The notice provided until May 10, 2024, for receiving written comments or requests for hearing. No responses were received. The notice identified the following issues to be considered:

1. Whether public convenience and necessity will be served by construction and operation of the facilities.
2. Are OTP/ MDU technically, financially, and managerially fit and able to provide the service?

On July 8, 2024, the Commission discussed these matters with the applicants and Commission staff in an informal hearing.

Discussion

OTP and MDU are the regional electric utilities providing generation, transmission and distribution services in North Dakota under the regulatory jurisdiction of this Commission. OTP and MDU are fit, willing, and able to provide services.

Both OTP and MDU are members of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), which is a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) responsible for overseeing and managing the electric power transmission grid across 15 U.S. states as well as the Canadian province of Manitoba.

In July 2022, MISO approved the first phase or "tranche" of its Long-Range Transmission Planning (LRTP) which includes this project. Tranche 1 consists of 18 projects, with a total of more than 2,000 miles of lines totaling over \$10 billion in investments. As noted above, this specific project is comprised of 85 miles of 345kV lines

with a total estimated investment of \$440 million and is expected to be in service by the end of 2028. Ownership of the facilities is roughly 50/50 with some facilities being owned and operated by one or the other company and some facilities being jointly owned.

Costs for all projects approved under MISO's LRTP Tranche 1 will be recovered on a prorata basis utilizing each company's energy use as a proportion of the MISO Subregion total. For MDU this prorata basis is 0.67% and for OTP it is 1.57%. This results in a combined net cost to MDU's and OTP's North Dakota customers of an estimated \$469k annually or roughly \$235k each. That is an additional cost of \$0.123 per month for MDU and \$0.177 per month for OTP residential customers consuming 1000 kWh per month.

OTP and MDU intend to jointly construct and own the Jamestown to Ellendale 345 kV transmission line and the expansion of the Twin Brooks 345 kV substation. MDU will construct, own and operate the expansion required at the Ellendale 345 kV substation. OTP will construct, own and operate the expansion required at the Jamestown and Maple River 345 kV substations.

Having considered this matter, the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity will be served by the construction and operation of the facilities and that OTP and MDU are technically, financially, and managerially fit to be able to provide the service.

Order

The Commission Orders

1. The Application of Otter Tail Power Company and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for certificates of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate the Jamestown to Ellendale 345 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities is APPROVED.
2. Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5998 is issued to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for the jointly owned Jamestown to Ellendale 345 kV transmission line and the expansion of the Twin Brooks 345 kV substation as well as the Ellendale substation that will be owned exclusively by Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
3. Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5999 is issued to Otter Tail Power Company for the jointly owned Jamestown to Ellendale 345 kV transmission line and the expansion of the Twin Brooks 345 kV substation as well as the Jamestown and Maple River substations that will be owned exclusively by Otter Tail Power Company.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Sheri Haugen-Hoffart
Commissioner



Randy Christmann
Chair



Julie Fedorchak
Commissioner

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 5998

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted for Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., to jointly construct, own and operate with Otter Tail Power Company approximately 85 miles of 345 kV electric transmission line from Jamestown in Stutsman County to Ellendale in Dickey County as well as associated facilities.

This permit is issued in accordance with the Order of this Commission dated November 20, 2024, in Case No. PU-24-91, and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in the Order.

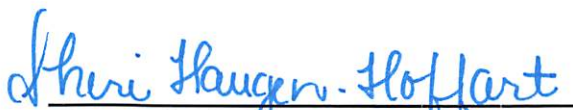
This certificate is conditioned upon Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.

Bismarck, North Dakota, November 20, 2024.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Secretary


Commissioner

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Secretary


Commissioner

DISSENT
Commissioner Randy Christmann
November 20, 2024

Ottertail Power Co. / Montana-Dakota Utilities
Joint Application for CPCN
345 kV Transmission Line

Case No. PU-24-91

The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Otter Tail Power Company's and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s 345 kV transmission line from Ellendale to Jamestown should be denied. The applicants have not met their burden to show the necessity for this investment.

This project is one of eighteen being pushed by MISO, the Regional Transmission Organization where OTP and MDU hold membership. The original application (Docket #1) indicates the cost of this project to be approximately \$440 million. It is part of a combination of 18 projects throughout the Midwest known as MISO's Tranche #1. The combined costs for these projects are allocated throughout the region. Tranche #1 is estimated to total over \$10 billion.

Among the benefits emphasized in the application are improved reliability, congestion and fuel savings, improved distribution of renewable energy, and reduced carbon emissions.

Docket #13, filed June 26, 2024, indicates the cost for Tranche #1 will be about \$5.75 / month for the average OTP residential customer and about \$3.15 / month for the average MDU customer for forty years.

The joint application was received February 29, 2024. An Informal Hearing was held in July. Commission Work Sessions followed in August and October. During this entire time the applicants and MISO had opportunities to provide more and better information.

Throughout the last seven months the explanation has remained vague. MISO's long term transmission study is cited which shows dozens of voltage and thermal problems that this project would relieve. However, the vast majority of the problems are forward looking, meaning they do not exist yet. It will be future actions that will cause most of these problems. No clear information is provided that allows us to determine who will be causing these future actions, whether they are preventable, nor whether they are realistic. One of the few examples provided of the coming changes that would create the need for this transmission is 800 megawatts of solar electric generation, but much of that even appears to be conjecture because no information is provided regarding who would build these nor where they would be built.

One key factor that is known about the future of transmission in this area is a large new load near Ellendale, ND that is already partially operational and partially under development. We know this facility has already relieved congestion in this area of the state. MISO refuses to update their Tranche #1 study, which is more than two years old, or even take this new load into consideration.

Adding costs of this significance to North Dakota ratepayers deserves careful scrutiny. Perhaps this project is a necessity, but there have been multiple opportunities for the applicants to answer more questions and provide more detail. They have not done so. Until better justification is provided this Certificate should be denied.



Randy Christmann, Commissioner

Wano Supervisor meeting called to order, April 2, 2025 at the Edgeley Career Academy.

Wald called the meeting to order. He read the ad that ran in the LaMoure Chronicle advertising this meeting. He also stated that public comments should be limited to 5 minutes.

Wald stated that the zoning committee had denied the Conditional Use Permit filed by Ottertail Power Company, and now the board of supervisors had to act on the recommendation of the zoning committee.

Wald asked what is the conductor, someone replied that aluminum is the outer layer, it is the conductor. Inner core is steel for strength. It is called a T2 cable.

He also asked what can be done inside the easement area. Any normal activity is ok, but keep away from towers. Bartle asked about a minimum distance from the towers, they replied 20 feet or more, depending on circumstances.

Ottertail Power Company will be in charge of the project during construction, so they would be the one to contact if any work needs to be done in the easement. Not decided yet if Ottertail or MDU will be in charge of the area after construction is completed.

Steve Nelson asked if anyone else will be in charge of the area. No, Just Ottertail or MDU. Who gets notified of any issues? Owners and local government units will be notified.

They stated that the easement is 75 feet either side, or, a 150 foot wide strip, This is a specific easement, only the one powerline is included in it.

Nelson also asked can the easement be sold? They reserve the right to sell the easements, and there is also a transfer option for easements.

Wind and solar are separate projects, MISO and PSC would have to approve them. They would need an 'interconnection' or substation, also needing MISO and PSC approval. The substation would be sited on land that was sold to OTP and MDU, it would not be on an easement. Ottertail and MDU would own the substation. Windmills or solar panels and the wires to the substation would be owned by someone else.

Wald asked about roads, and wear and tear. They said the roads could get damaged, that they would drive the roads before work started, videoing the conditions before work started, and bring them back to what they were before the project started.

Question was asked about issues that could show up 3 years after the project is finished. They said they would fix them. They have seen issues 5 years after other projects were finished.

They said the route was not firmly set, they might go west of Willowbank, still being studied.

Rupp asked about distance from windmills to powerline, he thought 25 miles might be too much. They said that they have seen windmills installed close to the line, and up to 60 miles away.

Wald said that a solar company has been in contact with the county.

Question was asked about where dirt that was dug out to make space for the base of the windmill. They said landowner gets first choice,

They said the line is rated to carry 1800MW, but depending on conditions, will probably be less than that.

Wald read from our zoning standard, section 8.2.6, 1-6 resident comfort was emphasized. Koch asked what was missed, where was OTP deficient? 8.2.6.1, health is not affected, Wald point out comfort is a big issue. OTP said that there have been studies regarding EMF, and there has not been a correlation between health risk and EMF. Some 345 KV lines have been around for 40 years, with no issues. Installed height of the old lines and new lines would be similar.

Fence lines need metal posts to ground the wires.

2. Use of other properties must not be affected. Question of how much could one enjoy being around the lines, will it affect the ability to sell the property, or will the value of the property need to be reduced? OTP said that property value change has not been seen, it does not seem to be a factor. They said that they had compared properties for sale, 10 without powerlines, 6 or 7 with. Did not see a difference in sales price.

Payments for easements had started at \$6200 per acre, currently at \$6400, and will pay going rate at the end of the project for all easements. They are paying 25% up front and the rest after state approval, before construction starts.

Wald asked if wetland easements affect values, they hadn't seen any.

They said the towers are 8 foot in diameter.

Sandy Rupp stated that Randy Christianson on the PSC objected to this project, any comment on his dissent?

Who is liable for fires if one starts because of the lines? OTP is insured for fire.

Tim Leppert asked if they were an LLC, no was the answer.

OTP is a part owner of some windfarms, some of those are LLCs.

Ottertail does have solar projects.

Who pays for JETx was asked. They said it is to be cost shared among customers.

Tim Leppert asked about liability issues. It was said that most fires are started by distribution lines, this is a transmission line. They will be sure to removed trees within 75 feet from the line.

Steve Rupp asked about stability of the poles, they said the poles with withstand 100 mph winds. He pointed out that there have been 3 tornadoes in the area of the lines, and 1 strong straight line wind storm.

He also pointed out that a fire results in no production for that field, and that goes on the crop record for 10 years, affecting government payments.

They said EMF has not messed up GPS.

Ottertail will remove all trees within the 75 ft easement. Trees are an issue, the lowest height of the line is 28 feet, a 50 foot tree would be a problem.

Several voiced concerns about senate bill 1258 was a conspiracy against us.

Koch asked Richard Long where has OTP mislead you?

Wald said OTP has questions to answer. Section 6.1, concerns about the lines being detrimental to the comfort of the residents. What will be the long term effects. Section 6.2 what about the enjoyment of seeing the lines?

Still questions about land values, was compensation too low?

Liability issues

Easement language, someone said they asked lawyer, lawyer said to not sign it.

Someone said the open house was ineffective, they learned more in the current format on a big presentation to everyone in the room.

Still questions about fire damage, tornadoes and liability. With resulting crop damage.

Is this a permanent easement or just 99 years, will it roll over to another 99 years?

Rupp moved to close public comment, Schweigert seconded. Passed.

OTP said the board has 3 choices, accept the CUP, deny it, or postpone the decision.

Rupp moved to accept the denial of the CUP by the zoning committee. Schweigert 2nd. Passed. CUP was denied.

Rupp moved to close the meeting. Schweigert 2nd. Passed. Meeting Adjourned.

February 25, 2025

Ottertail Power Company,

Willowbank Township is denying your Conditional Use Permit for the following reasons.

The majority of the landowners in Willowbank Township are against the JetX Transmission line passing through their land. The contract for the easement you are asking them to sign is not clear as to what kind of easement it is. The contract also states the easement can be sold, given away or transferred. There is major concern as to what future unwanted projects will be built on their land without their authority due to the risk of the easement going to another company. The price you are offering the landowner for a 99-year lease is an insult. Not only is it below the current price per acre, but you are also asking them to accept a one-time payment for something that will affect generations to come. This project that is being pushed through by MISO has not been proven to be necessary. The congestion you reference is, in fact, not here. Our local power company has no issues with power demand or congestion. The problems you are referring to are uncertain, future projects, that when asked about, we are given very vague answers. So, the need for this line does not exist. Randy Chrismann of the ND PSC opposed the Ottertail, MDU application for Public Convenience. His letter of dissent mirrors many of our concerns. Again stating "No clear information is provided as to who will be causing these future actions, whether they are preventable, nor whether they are realistic."

Allowing this transmission line to go through will be creating a pathway for future, unwanted projects, such as wind farms, solar panels, data storage facilities and pipelines. All of these would take away substantial amounts of prime farmland and have a negative effect on the landowner's livelihood. Also, studies have shown that increased health risks associated with high voltage cannot be ruled out. They are also not indestructible. Tornadoes, ice, and storms can cause fire, crop damage and dangerous situations from downed high voltage lines.

As to the local power company tapping into this transmission line, it would require a substation to be built at a cost of millions of dollars. This would pass the cost on to the consumer and result in higher rates.

Our bridges and roads are not strong enough to manage the large equipment that would be required in construction and maintenance of the transmission line.

The route of the line would also remove miles of established tree rows. Windbreaks prevent soil erosion and provide crop protection. Even a single row of trees can increase corn yields by 12% and soybeans by 13%. They also provide wildlife protection.

As elected township officers, we believe it is our duty to stand behind our landowners and act in the best interest of our township and deny your application for a conditional use permit.

Willowbank Township

Willowbank Township

Lamoure County



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WILLOWBANK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION FOR MORATORIUM

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLOWBANK, LAMOURE COUNTY, NORTH
DAKOTA, TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE JETX
TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

At a meeting of Willowbank Township, held on June 11, 2025, the following
resolution was presented.

WHEREAS, the Board of Willowbank Township finds it reasonable and necessary to install
a moratorium on the Jetx transmission line project. The purpose of the moratorium is to
allow the Township adequate time to update zoning ordinances and obtain more
information about the route and safety of the project.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Willowbank Township Board that a
moratorium on the JETX Transmission Line Project is adopted for the period of time
necessary to develop and adopt adequate, applicable land use amendments and that this
resolution shall take effect upon recording and publication. *A period of two years. JC*

BY ORDER OF THE Willowbank Township Board this 11 day of June 2025

Calvin Wipf Supervisor

Robert Senger Supervisor

Justin Hill Supervisor

Attest:

Jane Coleman Clerk





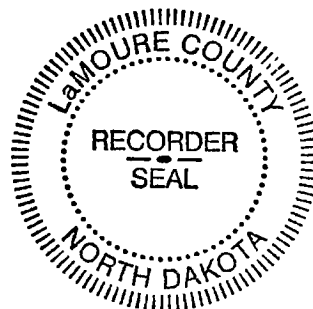
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**I certify that this instrument was filed and recorded
on 6/25/2025 at 9:34 AM. Fee \$0.00**

By *Laurie Good* LAURIE GOOD, Recorder



From: Koch, Kris <kkoch@otpc.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 11:16 AM
To: Weiers, Jason
Subject: FW: Willowbank township meeting minutes request from

Last email entry to Willowbank Township. Nothing was received.

From: Koch, Kris
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 9:28 AM
To: Jane <willowbanktownship@gmail.com>
Subject: Willowbank township meeting minutes request from

Good morning Jane, hope all is well. I am looking for a copy of the official meeting minutes from the April 9th Board of Supervisors special meeting regarding the application for a CUP from the JETx project. Can you please send those to me at your earliest convenience? Thanks Jane.

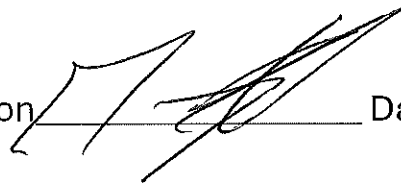
Sincerely,

Kristopher W. Koch PMP
Principal Transmission Project Developer
Otter Tail Power Company
kkoch@otpc.com
Work: 218-739-8514

Conditional Use Permit for the JETx transmission project

The Elden township Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing on October 30th, 7:00 PM at the American Legion in Ellendale. Hearing no objection at the hearing the board considered the request at the December 9th, 2024, meeting and approved the Conditional Use Permit application and extending the timeframe for construction to start for up to four (4) years due to the need for more time to get all state permits can take more than 1 year.

Chairman of the Zoning Commission



Date 12-9-24

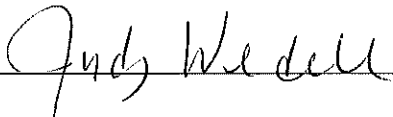
^{Ellen}
~~The Russell~~ township Board of Supervisors hereby approve the Conditional use permit for the JETx Transmission line project.

Chairman of the Board



Date 12-9-24

Clerk



Date 12-9-24

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Gary, Josh, Judy

Township Name Elden Township

Event Name Board of Supervisors Meeting

Date 12/9/24

Start Time 7:03 (Scheduled at 7:00)

Meeting was formally open ☒ Y ☐ N

Topics covered (JETx CUP as advertised) other items? Agenda approved ☒ Y ☐ N

Consider reading the newspaper article ☒ Y ☐ N

Was presentation given by Otter Tail Power ☒ Y ☐ N

Was the Public Comment period opened up for discussion ☒ Y ☐ N

Items discussed during the Public Comment period

No Comments

Asked 3 times

Was the public comment period formally closed ☒ Y ☐ N

Was the Township Board member deliberation period formally opened ☒ Y ☐ N

Items discussed during the board member

Was the board member deliberation period formally closed ☒ Y ☐ N

Was a formal vote by township board member taken ☒ Y ☐ N Results: Motion & Second.

If approved was a CUP application approval formally signed ☒ Y ☐ N

Was the meeting formally closed ☒ Y ☐ N Time: 7:11

Township Name Elden Event Name BoS meeting
Date 12/9/24 Start Time 7:00 End Time _____

Township Officers

Name GARY DATH Address Ellendale, ND Twp. Elden
Name Josh Taylor Address Ellendale ND Twp. Elden
Name _____ Address _____ Twp. _____

Attendees

Name Kris Koch Address Fergus Falls, MN Twp. Otter Tail
Name Jameson Keel Address Jameson ND Twp. Otter Tail
Name Gary Dath Address Ellendale ND Twp. Elden
Name Judy Wedell Address Ellendale Twp. Elden
Name PAUL WEDER Address Ellendale Twp. Elden
Name Alan Webster Address Ellendale Twp. Elden
Name Kim Webster Address Ellendale Twp. Elden
Name Julie Haase Address Ellendale Twp. Elden
Name SAM Haase Address Ellendale Twp. Elden
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Stutsman County and Townships

Date	Type	From	With	Subject
Stutsman County				
March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants ¹	Stutsman County	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.
April 6 – April 19, 2023	Email exchange	Stutsman County Highway Department	Applicants	Correspondence with Stutsman County Highway Department regarding the March 2023 RFI, the project route and permitting requirements.
August 15, 2023	Commission Meeting			Project updates were provided to the Stutsman County Commission.
September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Stutsman County Commissioners	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
March 5, 2024	Commission Meeting			Project updates were provided to the Stutsman County Commission.
March 21, 2024	Planning and Zoning Meeting			Project updates were provided to Stutsman County Planning and Zoning.
May 2, 2024	Planning and Zoning Meeting			The Stutsman County Planning and Zoning Commission discussed a potential new ordinance for a 2,600-foot setback.
July 18, 2024	Telephone Call	Applicants	Stutsman County Weed Board	Phone call with Stutsman County Weed Board Secretary confirming that a weed plan is not required.
July 24, 2024	Planning and Zoning Meeting			A motion to approve a new 2,600-foot setback was approved and was sent to the County Commissioners.
September 3, 2024	Commission Meeting			Applicants attended the Stutsman County Commission Meeting. Stutsman County Zoning Administrator presented a request for a zoning amendment to update the current ordinance regarding transmission lines. This agenda item was tabled until further research could be done by the County.
October 1, 2024	Commission Meeting			Applicants attended Stutsman County Commission Meeting and requested time to respond to public comments regarding Planning and Zoning proposed

Date	Type	From	With	Subject
				2,600-foot setback for transmission lines.
November 14, 2024	Email	Applicants	Stutsman County Commissioners	Provided a response to Stutsman County regarding the hardship that a 2,600-foot setback would have on the Utilities industry and the JETx Project.
December 17, 2024	Commission Meeting			Commission discussed the protocols for the Public Meeting regarding a new setback ordinance for Utilities was discussed.
December 30, 2024	Commission Meeting			Discussed procedure for special meeting for proposed setback requirement meeting scheduled for January 9, 2025.
January 9, 2025	Special Meeting for proposed setback			A formal meeting took place with comments coming from landowners and interested parties regarding the JETx project and the need for a 2,600-foot setback from an inhabited rural residence.
January 21, 2025	Commission Meeting			Stutsman County Commissioners recognized a deficiency in holding a Special Meeting on the proposed setback instead of a Public Hearing. A hearing date was set for February 18 th .
February 18, 2025	Public Hearing and Commission Meeting			A public hearing was held on Stutsman County's proposed setback. Applicants spoke on behalf of the JETx project and the proposed setback's impact on utility infrastructure. The proposed setback ordinance was not adopted.
Bloom Township				
March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Bloom Township	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.
August 21, 2023	Telephone call	Applicants	Bloom Township	Bloom Township confirmed there were no ordinances for the township.
September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Bloom Township	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
February 12, 2024	Telephone call	Applicants	Bloom Township	Discussed road approaches and haul permits.

Date	Type	From	With	Subject
July 9, 2024	Telephone call	Applicants	Bloom Township	Meeting scheduled with Bloom Township to discuss the JETx Project.
July 24, 2024	Meeting			Applicants met with Bloom Township chair and answered questions about the JETx Project. Applicants were provided with ordinances indicating a CUP would be required.
September 18, 2024	Email	Applicants	Bloom Township	JETx filed an application for a CUP.
November 7, 2024	CUP Public Hearing			Applicants attended the Planning and Zoning Public Hearing and presented project materials.
December 3, 2024	CUP Special Meeting			Applicants attended the Board of Supervisors Special Meeting. The CUP application has been approved.
Corwin Township				
March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Corwin Township	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.
September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Corwin Township	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
September 14, 2023	Telephone call	Applicants	Corwin Township	Corwin Township Chairman discussed ordinances and that the project would need a building permit and requested email with additional information.
September 15, 2023	Email	Applicants	Corwin Township	Applicants sent email to Corwin Township Chairman with additional project information.
February 12, 2024	Telephone call	Applicants	Corwin Township	Applicants and Corwin Township discussed setbacks and other limits and processes.
February 12, 2024	Email	Applicants	Corwin Township	Applicants followed up on questions from the previous call.
February 22, 2024	Email	Corwin Township	Applicants	Corwin Township stated that they would be meeting to discuss setback adoption.
May 1, 2024	Meeting			Applicants met with Corwin Township and provided a Project overview and updates.
June 11, 2024	Meeting			Applicants provided Corwin Township with an update on the route's alignment in the Township.

Date	Type	From	With	Subject
October 17, 2024	Special Meeting regarding setback ordinances			Applicants attended the Corwin Township Special Meeting regarding the township's newly proposed 2,640-foot setback for transmission lines 115 kV and above. The setback was approved.
January 31, 2025	Email	Corwin Township	Applicants	Corwin Township informed the Applicants that as of March 2020 they are aligned with Stutsman County zoning except for the newly proposed transmission line setback within Corwin Township.
February 11, 2025	Email	Corwin Township	Applicants	Corwin Township stated that they recovered 355 pages of ordinances from 1953 through 2014. Corwin Township only provided 12 pages from a document marked as a proposed 1979 ordinance that showed utility and transmission lines are a Conditional Use and thus require a CUP.
February 11, 2025	Email	Applicants	Corwin Township	Applicants followed up with Corwin Township, requesting a complete copy of the ordinances in full. No additional documentation was provided.
April 29, 2025	Email	Applicants	Corwin Township	Applicants filed an application for a CUP and a request for variance from setbacks.
April 30, - June 3, 2025	Email exchange	Corwin Township	Applicants	Various email conversations regarding a date for the CUP Hearing and Special Meeting.
June 3, 2025	CUP and Variance Request Public Hearing			Applicants attended a Planning and Zoning Public Hearing on CUP and Variance request application.
June 10, 2025	CUP and Variance Request Special Meeting			Applicants attended a Board of Supervisors special Meeting on CUP and Variance request application. Both the CUP and Variance requests were denied.
June 12, 2025	Email	Corwin Township	Applicants	Applicants received meeting minutes from Corwin Township regarding its June 10, 2025, meeting where the CUP and variance request were both denied.
Fried Township				

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March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Fried Township	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.
March 27, 2023	Email	Fried Township	Applicants	Fried Township responded to the March 2023 RFI and indicated that a building permit would be needed based on the cost of the Project but that no other issues were anticipated.
September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Fried Township	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
February 12, 2024	Telephone call	Applicants	Fried Township	Applicants and Township discussed road setback limits and processes.
July 9, 2024	Telephone call	Applicants	Fried Township	A meeting was arranged with the Fried Township Chair.
July 31, 2024	Meeting			A project update was provided.
September 19, 2024	Meeting			The township Chair supplied a copy of the ordinances. It was determined that a CUP is required.
October 11, 2024	Email	Applicants	Fried Township	Applicants filed an application for a CUP.
October 30, 2024	CUP Public Hearing			Applicants attended the Planning and Zoning Public Hearing and presented project materials.
November 19, 2024	CUP Special Meeting			Applicants attended the Board of Supervisors Special Meeting. The CUP application has been approved.
Homer Township				
March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Homer Township	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.
August 22, 2023	Telephone call	Applicants	Homer Township	Homer Township Chairman stated no ordinances in the township.
September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Homer Township	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
February 12, 2024	Telephone call	Applicants	Homer Township	Discussed establishing a setback, other limitations, and processes.
July 9, 2024	Telephone message	Applicants	Homer Township	A voicemail was left by the Applicants requesting a meeting to discuss the Project.
July 12, 2024	Telephone call	Homer Township	Applicants	Discussed setting a meeting regarding the Project.

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August 6, 2024	Meeting			Project updates were discussed with the Township Chair.
August 23, 2024	Telephone call	Applicants	Homer Township	Homer Township stated that they have no ordinances requiring a CUP.
November 6, 2024	2,640-foot setback ordinance Public Hearing			Applicants attended the Planning and Zoning Public Hearing meeting and provided answers related to the JETx Project. A proposed 2,640-foot setback was recommended for approval.
November 22, 2024	2,640-foot setback ordinance Special Meeting			Applicants attended the Board of Supervisors Special Meeting. A 2,640-foot setback was approved.
March 5, 2025	Meeting			The Township Chair provided Applicants with a letter pertaining to a new 2,640-foot setback ordinance the Township asserted to have adopted. Based on new language, Applicants determined a CUP was necessary.
May 2, 2025	Email	Applicants	Homer Township	Applicants filed an application for a CUP.
June 17, 2025	CUP and Variance Request Public Hearing and Special Meeting			Applicants attended the Planning and Zoning Public Hearing and subsequent Board of Supervisors Special Meeting. The CUP and Variance request were both denied.
June 18, 2025	Email	Homer Township	Applicants	Applicants received meeting minutes from Homer Township regarding its June 17, 2025, meeting where the CUP and variance request were both denied.
Montpelier Township				
March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Montpelier Township	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.
September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Montpelier Township	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
September 13, 2023	Telephone message	Applicants	Montpelier Township	A voicemail was left for Montpelier Township Chairman to discuss the Project.
September 19, 2023	Telephone call	Montpelier Township	Applicants	Montpelier Township stated that the township is not zoned, and

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				Stutsman County retains zoning authority over the township.
September 28, 2023	Email	Applicants	Montpelier Township	A map of the project area was emailed to the Montpelier Township Chairman.
February 5, 2024	Meeting			Applicants met with a representative from Montpelier Township to provide an overview of the Project.
Rose Township				
March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Rose Township	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.
September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Rose Township	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
September 13, 2023	Telephone call	Applicants	Rose Township	Rose Township Chairman requested information regarding the Project.
October 9, 2023	Email	Applicants	Rose Township	Applicants emailed Township requesting a copy of ordinances and offered to meet.
July 15, 2024	Email	Applicants	Rose Township	Applicants requested a meeting with the Township.
August 6, 2024	Meeting			Applicants presented a Project update to Rose Township and discussed permitting requirements.
August 12, 2024	Telephone call	Applicants	Rose Township	Rose Township agreed to send a copy of the CUP application.
August 14, 2024	Email	Rose Township	Applicants	Rose Township provided an application form for a CUP.
September 19, 2024	Email	Applicants	Rose Township	Applicants filed an application for a CUP.
October 15, 2024	CUP Public Hearing			Applicants attended the Planning and Zoning Public Hearing and presented project materials.
November 7, 2024	CUP Special Meeting			Applicants attended the Board of Supervisors Special Meeting. The CUP application has been approved.

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Spiritwood Township				
March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Spiritwood Township	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.
March 23-24, 2023	Email	Spiritwood Township	Applicants	Correspondence with Spiritwood Township regarding the March 2023 letter and added Applicants to the May Township meeting agenda.
May 8, 2023	Township Meeting			Applicants attended Spiritwood Township meeting to discuss the Project.
September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Spiritwood Township	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
February 12, 2024	Telephone call	Applicants	Spiritwood Township	Applicants and Township discussed road setbacks and other limits and processes.
July 15, 2024	Email	Applicants	Spiritwood Township	Applicants sent an email requesting a meeting.
July 31, 2024	Meeting			Spiritwood Township met with Applicants and stated in the meeting that it was believed a CUP was not required, and only road ordinances existed.
August 12, 2024	Telephone call	Applicants	Spiritwood Township	Spiritwood Township identified CUP requirements and stated that they will provide a copy of their CUP application form.
August 14, 2024	Email	Spiritwood Township	Applicants	Spiritwood Township provided a copy of the CUP application form and clarified that a CUP is a part of their building permit requirement.
August 28, 2024	Meeting			Applicants presented a Project update.
September 9, 2024	Email	Applicants	Spiritwood Township	Applicants filed an application for a CUP.
September 30, 2024	CUP Public Hearing			Applicants attended the Planning and Zoning Public Hearing and presented Project materials.
October 14, 2024	CUP Special Meeting			Applicants attended the Board of Supervisors Special Meeting. The CUP was approved.
Winfield Township				
March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Winfield Township	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.

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September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Winfield Township	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
March 31, 2024	Letter	Applicants	Winfield Township	Applicants sent a letter requesting a copy of Township ordinances.
August 9, 2024	n/a	Applicants	n/a	Winfield Township ordinances recorded on November 26, 1997, as document number 1135186 were obtained by Applicants and determined that electric utilities are permitted use within Winfield Township and no CUP is required.

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LaMoure County and Townships

Date	Type	From	To	Subject
LaMoure County				
March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants ¹	LaMoure County	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.
August 15, 2023	Commission Meeting			An update on the Project was provided at the LaMoure County Commission meeting.
September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	LaMoure County	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
February 6, 2024	Commission Meeting			Applicants presented an update on the Project. Commission indicated to the Applicants that a CUP was not required.
July 19, 2024	Telephone call	LaMoure County	Applicants	Phone call with LaMoure County Weed Board Secretary confirming a weed plan is not required.
August 6, 2024	Commission Meeting			Applicants provided an update on the Project at the LaMoure County Commission meeting.
December 17, 2024	Commission Meeting			Applicants provided an update on the Project at the LaMoure County Commission meeting.
April 15, 2025 – July 1, 2025	Commission Meetings			Applicants attended various County Commission meetings between April 2025 and July 2025 and responded to questions on the Project as they arose.
Adrian Township				
March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Adrian Township	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.
April 5, 2023	Email	Adrian Township	Applicants	Township Chairman responded to the March 2023 RFI and shared information about other infrastructure projects within the area.
September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Adrian Township	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
January 17, 2024	n/a	Applicants	n/a	Adrian Township ordinances recorded on March 18, 2009, as document number 164701 were obtained by Applicants and determined that electric utilities are permitted use within Adrian Township and determined a CUP was required.
February 12, 2024 – July 8, 2024	Telephone messages	Applicants	Adrian Township	Multiple messages were left for Adrian Township Chairman between February 2024 and July 2024.

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September 4, 2024	Meeting			Adrian Township provided a CUP application and discussed dates for a CUP Public Hearing.
September 6, 2024	Email	Applicants	Adrian Township	Applicants filed an application for a CUP.
October 17, 2024	CUP Public Hearing			Applicants attended the Planning and Zoning Public Hearing and presented project materials.
November 12, 2024	CUP Special Meeting			Applicants attended the Board of Supervisors Special Meeting. The CUP application has been approved.
Russell Township				
March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Russell Township	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.
September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Russell Township	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
September 13, 2023 – August 16, 2024	Telephone message	Applicants	Russell Township	Multiple voicemails were left for Russell Township supervisor. No response was received.
January 17, 2024	n/a	Applicants	n/a	Applicants reviewed Russell Township ordinances recorded on June 22, 2011, as Document No. 167439 and determined that a CUP was required.
September 4, 2024	Meeting			Applicants presented Project updates to the Township and discussed the next steps for a CUP.
September 9, 2024	Email	Applicants	Russell Township	Applicants filed an application for a CUP.
October 3, 2024	CUP Public Hearing			Applicants attended the Planning and Zoning Public Hearing and presented project materials.
October 24, 2024	CUP Special Meeting			Applicants attended the Board of Supervisors Special Meeting. The CUP application was approved.
June 19, 2025	Recorded Document	Russell Township	LaMoure County Recorder's office	Russell Township recorded at LaMoure County Recorder's office a document stating that at a June 17, 2025, Township meeting, a 2-year moratorium was placed on high voltage transmission line projects.
June 25, 2025	LaMoure Chronicle	Russell Township	Public	Russell Township noticed in the LaMoure Chronicle paper that at a June 17, 2025, meeting a 2-year moratorium was approved and placed on a variety of infrastructure projects including high voltage transmission lines.

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June 30, 2025	Certified Letter	Russell Township	Applicants	Applicants received a certified letter revoking the previously approved CUP based on a meeting held by the Township on June 17, 2025.
Wano Township				
March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Wano Township	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.
September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Wano Township	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
September 13, 2023	Telephone message	Applicants	Wano Township	Applicants attempted to leave a message for Wano Township Chairman but no voicemailbox was set up.
September 13, 2023	Telephone message	Applicants	Wano Township	A message was left for the Wano Township Clerk.
October 10, 2023	Telephone message	Applicants	Wano Township	A message was left for the Wano Township Clerk.
February 16, 2024	Telephone call	Applicants	Wano Township	Applicants discussed setbacks and other limits and processes with the Township.
July 15, 2024	Telephone call	Applicants	Wano Township	Applicants and Township discussed scheduling a meeting; Wano Township requested call back later to schedule.
December 3, 2024	Email	Applicants	Wano Township	Applicants received a link to the Wano Township ordinances and determined that a CUP was required. Wano Township's ordinances were recorded on January 27, 2025, as Document No. 183231.
December 10, 2024	Email	Applicants	Wano Township	Applicants filed an application for a CUP.
December 17, 2024	Meeting			Applicants met with the Wano Township Supervisor regarding scheduling a CUP public hearing.
January 29, 2025	CUP Public Hearing			Applicants attended and presented at a CUP Public Hearing. No formal action was taken by Wano Township regarding the application.
February 27, 2025	Email	Wano Township	Applicants	Applicants received an email containing a letter that was signed on February 26, 2025, stating that Wano Township is denying the CUP.
March 20, 2025	CUP Public Hearing			CUP Planning and Zoning Public Hearing was repeated and recommended to deny the CUP.
April 2, 2025	CUP Special Meeting			The Township Board of Supervisors voted, and the CUP was denied.

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April 28, 2025	Email	Wano Township	Applicants	Applicants received draft meeting minutes from Wano Township regarding its April 2, 2025, meeting where the CUP was denied.
Willowbank Township				
March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Willowbank Township	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.
September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Willowbank Township	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
September 13, 2023	Telephone call	Applicants	Willowbank Township	Applicants and Township discussed setback limits and processes. Willowbank Township Chairman requested email to follow up.
October 10, 2023	Email	Applicants	Willowbank Township	Email follow-up provided by Applicants and an offer to meet.
January 17, 2024	n/a	Applicants	n/a	Applicants reviewed Willowbank Township ordinances recorded on April 29, 2009, as Document No. 164841 and determined that a CUP was required.
February 16, 2024	Telephone call	Applicants	Willowbank Township	The Willowbank Township Chairman requested a call back later.
February 19, 2024	Telephone call	Applicants	Willowbank Township	Applicants and Township discussed setback limits and processes.
February 19, 2024	Email	Applicants	Willowbank Township	Applicants sent an email to clarify the day's discussion.
August 6, 2024	Telephone call	Applicants	Willowbank Township	Willowbank Township stated they were unsure if there was a CUP application and would call back to confirm and schedule a meeting to discuss.
November 22, 2024	Email	Applicants	Willowbank Township	Applicants filed an application for a CUP
January 22, 2025	CUP Public Hearing			Applicants attended the Planning and Zoning Public Hearing and presented updates on the Project.
February 25, 2025	Letter	Willowbank Township Planning and Zoning	Applicants	Willowbank Township sent a letter stating that they were denying the CUP.
April 9, 2025	CUP Special Meeting			Applicants attended and presented at the Board of Supervisors Special Meeting. The CUP was denied.
May 29, 2025	Email	Applicants	Willowbank Township	Applicants requested a copy of the April 9, 2025, CUP meeting minutes.
June 25, 2025	Recorded Document	Willowbank Township	LaMoure County Recorder's office	Willowbank Township recorded at LaMoure County Recorder's office a document stating that at a June 11, 2025, Township meeting a 2-year

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				moratorium had been placed on the Project.

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Dickey County and Townships

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Dickey County				
March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants ¹	Dickey County	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.
June 6, 2023	Commission Meeting			An update on the Project was provided at the Dickey County Commission meeting.
August 15, 2023	Commission Meeting			An update on the Project was provided at the Dickey County Commission meeting.
September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Dickey County	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
February 6, 2024	Commission Meeting			Applicants provided an update on the Project at a Dickey County Commission meeting.
August 20, 2024	Commission Meeting			Applicants provided an update on the Project at a Dickey County Commission meeting.
January 21, 2025	Commission Meeting			Applicants attended a County Commission meeting
March 19, 2025	Commission Meeting			Applicants presented at a special meeting to discuss the timing of JETx construction.
April 15, 2025 – July 15, 2025	Commission Meetings			Applicants attended various County Commission meetings between April 15, 2025, and July 15, 2025.
June 17, 2025	Planning and Zoning Meeting			Applicants attend a regularly scheduled Planning and Zoning meeting where new setbacks for electric transmission lines were discussed.
Elden Township				
March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Elden Township	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.
August 22, 2023	Telephone message	Applicants	Elden Township	Applicants left a voicemail message for Elden Township.
September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Elden Township	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
October 9, 2023	Email	Elden Township	Applicants	Elden Township Chairman emailed that the Township does not have zoning ordinances.
February 12, 2024	Telephone call	Applicants	Elden Township	Discussed road setbacks and other limits and processes.
July 9, 2024	Telephone call	Applicants	Elden Township	Applicants scheduled a meeting with Elden Township Chairman.
August 13, 2024	Meeting			Applicants provided a project update to the Township.

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September 25, 2024	Meeting			Applicants discussed Elden Township ordinances pertaining to a CUP and that one is required.
September 27, 2024	Email	Applicants	Elden Township	Applicants filed an application for a CUP.
October 24, 2024	CUP Public Hearing			Applicants attended the Planning and Zoning Public Hearing and presented Project updates.
December 9, 2024	CUP Special Meeting			Applicants attended the Board of Supervisors Special Meeting. The CUP application has been approved.
Ellendale Township				
March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Ellendale Township	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.
August 22, 2023	Telephone call	Applicants	Ellendale Township	During a call with the Applicants, the Ellendale Township Supervisor stated that the Project may need a utility permit.
September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Ellendale Township	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
February 22, 2024	Telephone message	Applicants	Ellendale Township	A voicemail was left for Ellendale Township Chairman.
July 9, 2024	Telephone call	Applicants	Ellendale Township	Ellendale Township Chairman provided contact information for new representative.
July 9, 2024	Telephone message	Applicants	Ellendale Township	Applicants left a voicemail for the new Ellendale Township Chairman.
October 10, 2024	Telephone Call	Applicants	Ellendale Township	Applicants had a call with the Township Supervisor. The Township Supervisor suggested working with the Township Clerk.
October 10, 2024	Email	Applicants	Ellendale Township	Applicants emailed the Township Clerk asking for a copy of the ordinances.
October 11, 2024	Email	Ellendale Township	Applicants	Applicants received a utility permit application for electric distribution hook ups and determined it was not required for the Project.
November 18, 2024	Email	Applicants	Ellendale Township	Applicants emailed the Township following up on a telephone call earlier that day with the Township Clerk acknowledging that high voltage transmission lines in Ellendale Township defer to Dickey County zoning ordinances.
Keystone Township				
March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Keystone Township	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.

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August 22, 2023	Telephone call	Applicants	Keystone Township	Keystone Township stated they have no ordinances and defers to Dickey County.
September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Keystone Township	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
February 14, 2024	Telephone call	Applicants	Keystone Township	Applicants discussed on a call with Township, setbacks and other limits and processes.
July 24, 2024	Meeting			Applicants presented Project updates to Keystone Township. Township indicated there were no zoning ordinances or setback requirements and that the Township's biggest concern was road care.
Valley Township				
March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Valley Township	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.
April 13, 2023	Email and Telephone Record	Applicants	Valley Township	Applicants provided a Project update to Valley Township.
September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	Valley Township	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
September 13, 2023	Telephone message	Applicants	Valley Township	Applicants left a voicemail for Valley Township Chairman.
October 10, 2023	Telephone call	Applicants	Valley Township	During a call, the Township Chairman stated that the Township does not have ordinances and defers to Dickey County.
February 16, 2024	Telephone message	Applicants	Valley Township	Applicants left a message for Valley Township.
February 28, 2024	Telephone message	Applicants	Valley Township	Applicants left a message for Valley Township.
August 21, 2024	Meeting			Applicants presented a Project update at a meeting with the Valley Township Chairman.
City of Ellendale				
March 22, 2023	Letter	Applicants	City of Ellendale	Introductory mass mailing letter and request for comments.
September 6, 2023	Letter	Applicants	City of Ellendale	A second project mass mailing letter and request for additional comments.
September 11, 2023	City Council Meeting			Applicants attended City meeting.
June 9, 2025	City Council Meeting			Applicants attended City meeting.

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Local								
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Chris	Estes	Dickey County	Sheriff	PO Box 297		Ellendale	ND	58436
Kelly	Schmidt	Dickey County	Superintendent of Schools	PO Box 148		Ellendale	ND	58436
Kasey	Holm	Dickey County	County Commission - District 1	309 2nd St N		Ellendale	ND	58436
Jerry	Walsh	Dickey County	County Commission - District 2 (Vice-Chairman)	309 2nd St N		Ellendale	ND	58436
Brandon	Carlson	Dickey County	County Commission - District 3	309 2nd St N		Ellendale	ND	58436
Marke	Roberts	Dickey County	County Commission	309 2nd St N		Ellendale	ND	58436
John	Hokana	Dickey County	County Commission Chairman	309 2nd St N		Ellendale	ND	58436
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Cary	Wertz	Dickey County Park Board	Chairman	PO Box 602		Ellendale	ND	58436
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Lee	Miller	LaMoure County	County Commission - 1st District	PO Box 128		LaMoure	ND	58458
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Keith	Heidinger	LaMoure County	County Commission - 3rd District	PO Box 128		LaMoure	ND	58458
Robert	Flath	LaMoure County	County Commission Chairman	PO Box 128		LaMoure	ND	58458
Jason	Weigel	LaMoure County	County Commission - 5th District (Vice Chairman)	PO Box 128		LaMoure	ND	58458
Kerry	Ketterling	LaMoure County Water Resource Board	Chairman	PO Box 128		LaMoure	ND	58458
Jessica	Alonge	Stutsman County	Auditor	511 2nd Ave	Suite #102	Jamestown	ND	58401
Chad	Kaiser	Stutsman County	Sheriff	205 6th St SE	Suite #102	Jamestown	ND	58401
Wanda	Auka	Stutsman County	Clerk of District Court	511 2nd Ave		Jamestown	ND	58401
Mark	Klose	Stutsman County	County Commission Chairman	8021 34th St SE		Jamestown	ND	58401
Jerry	Bergquist	Stutsman County	County Commission Member	1010 12th St NE		Jamestown	ND	58401
Joan	Morris	Stutsman County	County Commission Member	632 7th Street Loop NW		Jamestown	ND	58401
Steve	Cichos	Stutsman County	County Commission Vice Chairman	433 3rd Street SW		Jamestown	ND	58401
Chad	Wolsky	Stutsman County	County Commission Member	3027 83rd 1/2 Ave SE		Jamestown	ND	58401
Karl	Bergh	Stutsman County	Parks Superintendent	511 2nd Ave SE		Jamestown	ND	58401
Tyler	Perleberg	Stutsman County	Tax Director	511 2nd Ave SE	Suite #102	Jamestown	ND	58401
Duane	Haskin	Bloom Township	Chairman	3333 86th Ave SE		Jamestown	ND	58401
Cheryl	Haskin	Bloom Township	Clerk	3333 86th Ave SE		Jamestown	ND	58401
Wayne	Henderson	City of Edgeley	Mayor	PO Box 205		Edgeley	ND	58433
Sally	Caudillo	City of Edgeley	Council Member	PO Box 205		Edgeley	ND	58433
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Michelle	Berry	City of Edgeley	Council Member	PO Box 205		Edgeley	ND	58433
Danny	Schlosser	City of Edgeley	Council Member	PO Box 205		Edgeley	ND	58433
Cal	Tripke	City of Edgeley	Council Member	PO Box 205		Edgeley	ND	58433
Matt	Thorpe	City of Ellendale	Mayor	PO Box 267		Ellendale	ND	58436
Donald	Flaherty	City of Ellendale	Council Member - President	PO Box 267		Ellendale	ND	58436
Dwayne	Heinrich	City of Jamestown	Mayor	102 3rd Ave SE		Jamestown	ND	58401
Sarah	Hellekson	City of Jamestown	City Administrator	102 3rd Ave SE		Jamestown	ND	58401
Brian	Kamlitz	City of Jamestown	Council Member	102 3rd Ave SE		Jamestown	ND	58401
Dan	Buchanan	City of Jamestown	Council Member	102 3rd Ave SE		Jamestown	ND	58401
David	Schloegel	City of Jamestown	Council Member	102 3rd Ave SE		Jamestown	ND	58401
David	Steele	City of Jamestown	Council Member	102 3rd Ave SE		Jamestown	ND	58401
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Jane	Coleman	Willowbank Township	Clerk	8578 75th St SE		Edgeley	ND	58433

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March 22, 2023

[NAME]

[AGENCY]

Re: Request for Information for the Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company Proposed Jamestown to Ellendale 345-kV Transmission Line Project (JETx)

Dear [NAME],

Otter Tail Power Company (OTP) and Montana-Dakota Utilities Company (Montana-Dakota) are partnering to develop, construct, and co-own an approximately 95-mile 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line from Jamestown, North Dakota, to Ellendale, North Dakota (referred to as the Project or JETx). The Project would be located in Stutsman, LaMoure and Dickey Counties, North Dakota and would connect the existing 345-kV substation at Jamestown, North Dakota to an existing 345-kV substation at Ellendale. The Project is one of eighteen new transmission projects identified in the Upper Midwest that is needed to provide additional transmission capacity, mitigate current capacity issues and improve electric system reliability throughout the region. OTP and Montana-Dakota plan to submit a joint siting application for a certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit to the North Dakota Public Service Commission in the summer 2024 with construction tentatively scheduled to begin in 2026.

Currently, OTP and Montana-Dakota are in the preliminary planning stages of the Project, which include high-level planning, initial public involvement, right-of-way support, permit planning, and preliminary design. These preliminary planning stages will provide important input into the identification of preliminary routes and the eventual selection of a final route for the Project. The attached map shows the current study area being assessed for preliminary routes. Public outreach with landowners and interested parties including public meetings are being planned to occur in June 2023.

We are soliciting your review of the preliminary Project area in order to help identify opportunities and constraints as we move towards defining the final route. We are particularly interested in any property located within or adjacent to the study area which your agency may own or have an interest in. We would also appreciate being made aware of any proposed developments your agency may be contemplating in the study area under consideration for the Project in addition to any information that might assist us in our siting analysis and studies. To help us identify potential resource issues in the corridor analysis, please provide us with any information pertaining to the JETx project by April 22, 2023. Written or email responses should be sent to:

HDR, Inc.
Attn: Jennifer Hanley
51 N Broadway, Suite 550
Fargo, ND 58102

Jennifer.hanley@hdrinc.com

Future opportunities for input will also be available. As the project progresses, we will reach out to schedule stakeholder meetings as well as plan for additional outreach as a route is developed and refined.

If further information is desired regarding the proposed Project, please contact either myself (218-739-8311 or jweiers@otpc.com) or our lead environmental consultant, Jennifer Hanley of HDR, Inc. (701-353-6139 or Jennifer.hanley@hdrinc.com).

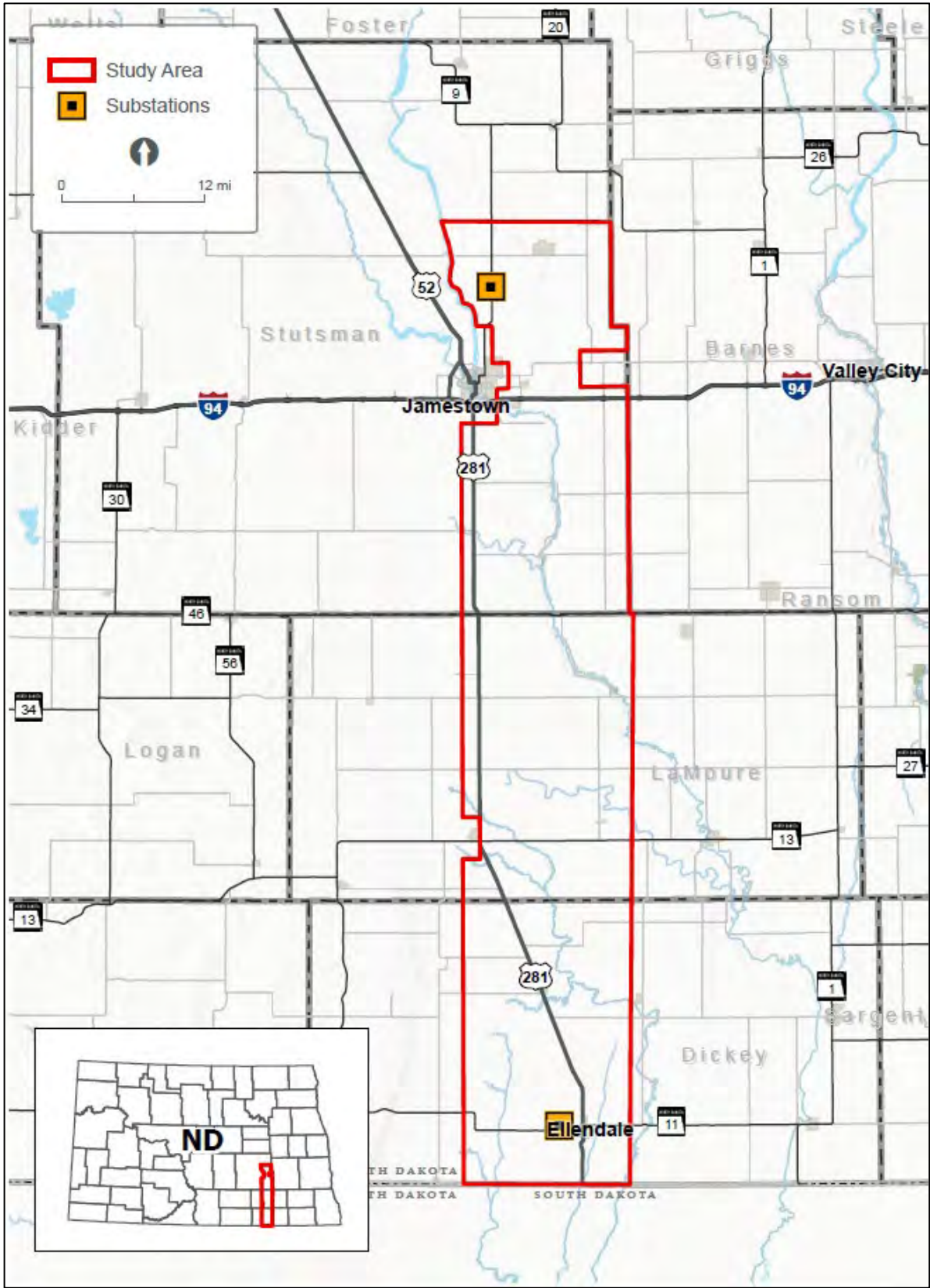
Sincerely,



Jason Weiers
Manager, Transmission Development

Enclosure: Figure 1 – Project Study Area

Figure 1 – Project Study Area





September 6, 2023

[NAME]

Re: Request for Input and Meetings for the Otter Tail Power Company and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. proposed Jamestown to Ellendale 345-kV transmission line project

Dear [NAME],

Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail Power) and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) are partnering to develop, construct, and co-own an approximately 95-mile, 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line from Jamestown, North Dakota, to Ellendale, North Dakota (the Project). The Project would be in Stutsman, LaMoure, and Dickey Counties and would connect Otter Tail Power's existing 345-kV Jamestown substation to Montana-Dakota's existing 345-kV Ellendale substation. This is one of eighteen new transmission projects identified by the Regional Transmission Organization in the Upper Midwest¹ needed to maintain electric system reliability, increase resilience to extreme weather conditions, reduce transmission congestion and increase access to low cost energy throughout the region. Otter Tail Power and Montana-Dakota plan to submit a joint siting application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit to the North Dakota Public Service Commission in the second half of 2024 with construction tentatively scheduled to begin in the second half of 2025. At this early stage of the Project, it is anticipated that Section 106 compliance would be needed for a United States Corps of Engineers Section 404 wetland permit and Section 10 river crossing permit for an overhead crossing of the James River.

Currently, Otter Tail Power and Montana-Dakota are in the planning stages of the Project, which include public involvement, right-of-way support, permit planning, and initial design. These preliminary planning stages provide important input into the identification of the proposed route corridor and alternative route corridors. The attached map shows the proposed route corridor and alternative route corridors. These corridors are subject to change as we continue public outreach with landowners and other interested parties. Environmental field surveys are currently anticipated to start late this year and be completed in 2024.

We are requesting your review of the proposed route corridor and alternative route corridors to help identify opportunities and constraints as we move towards defining the preferred route. We appreciate and value your input in our attempt to avoid or minimize impacts. To help us identify potential concerns in our corridor analysis, we request that any information pertaining to the Project be provided by October 12, 2023, if possible, to:

¹ The Regional Transmission Organization in this area of the Upper Midwest is the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO). See more information at www.misoenergy.org.

HDR, Inc.
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701-353-6139

We will be hosting public meetings at three locations along the Project in September. The meetings will be held on consecutive days September 12 - 14 from 3 - 6 p.m. each day at the three locations listed below. In addition to our public meetings, we are also extending you an invitation if you would prefer to meet individually. If you are interested in an individual meeting outside of our public meetings, our contact information follows below and we would welcome the opportunity to share more information about the Project, answer your questions and take your feedback.

Ellendale

September 12, 2023

3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

American Legion Post #137
79 Main St.
Ellendale, ND 58436

Jamestown

September 13, 2023

3:00 – 6:00 pm

Bunker Hill Club House
1520 3rd St. SE
Jamestown, ND 58401

Edgeley

September 14, 2023

3:00 – 6:00 pm

Hakuna Matata
101 Industrial Park Road.
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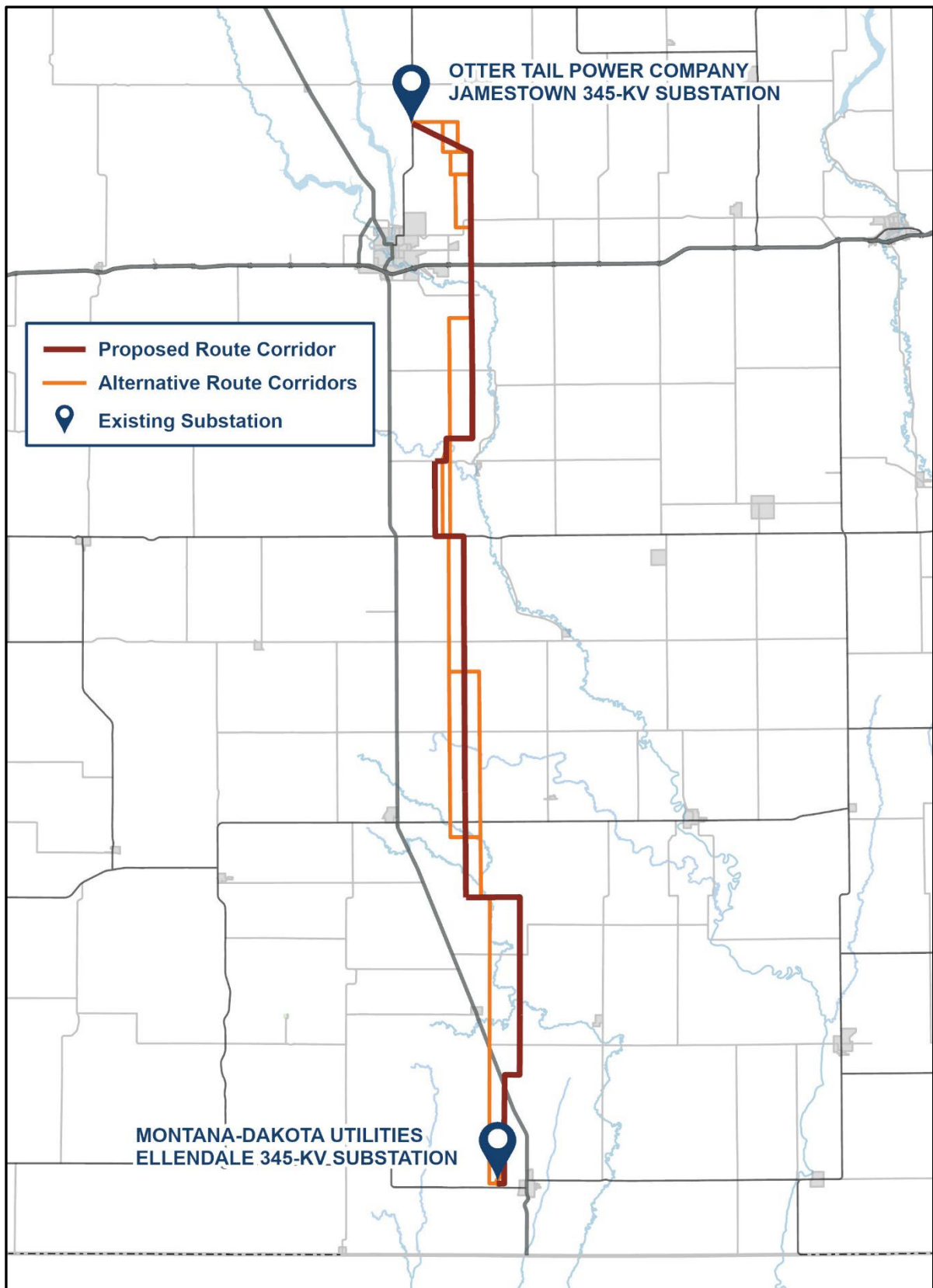
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March 22, 2023

Jessica Alonge
Auditor
Stutsman County
511 2nd Ave - Suite #102
Jamestown, ND 58401

Re: Request for Information for the Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company Proposed Jamestown to Ellendale 345-kV Transmission Line Project (JETx)

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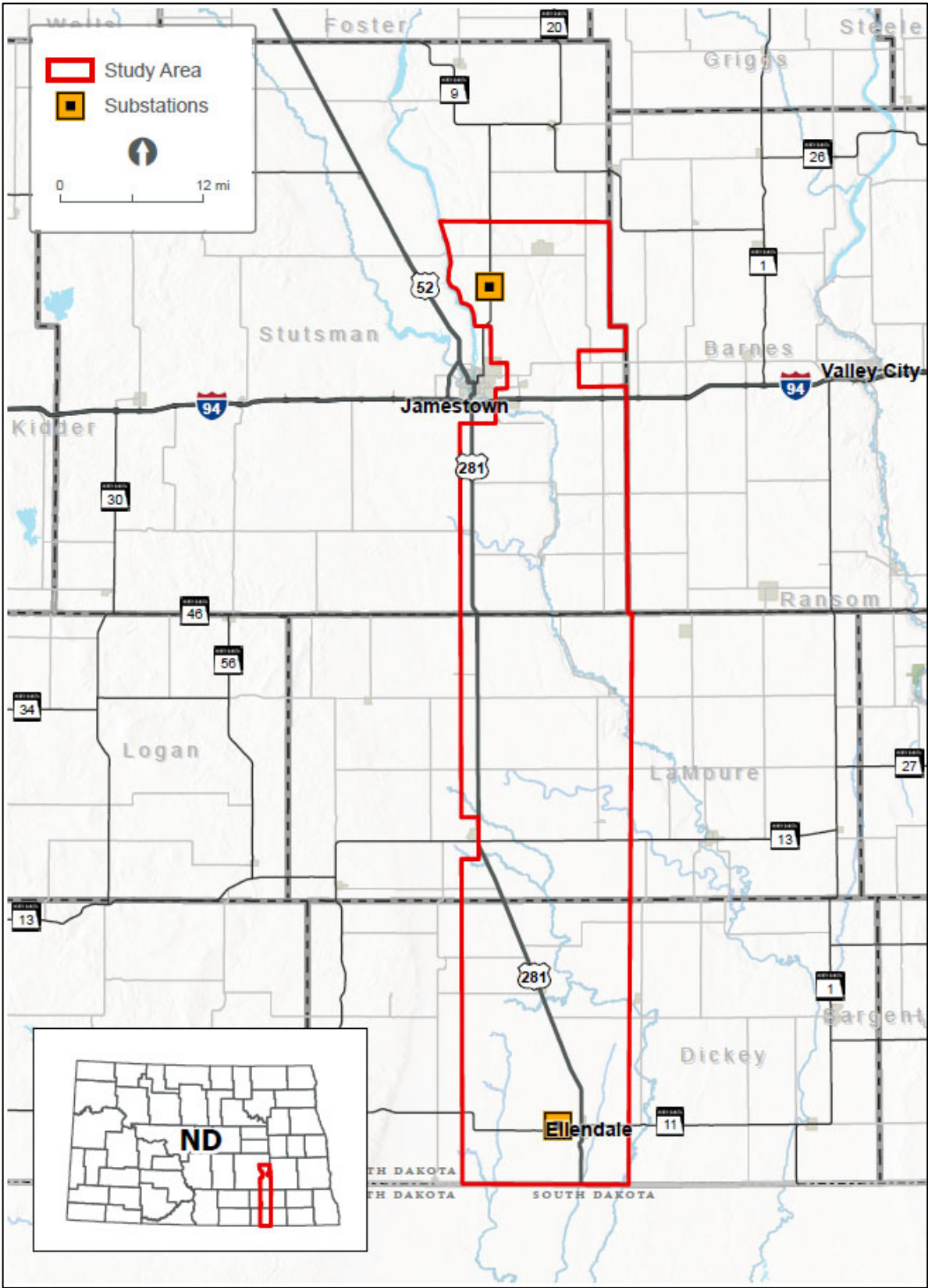
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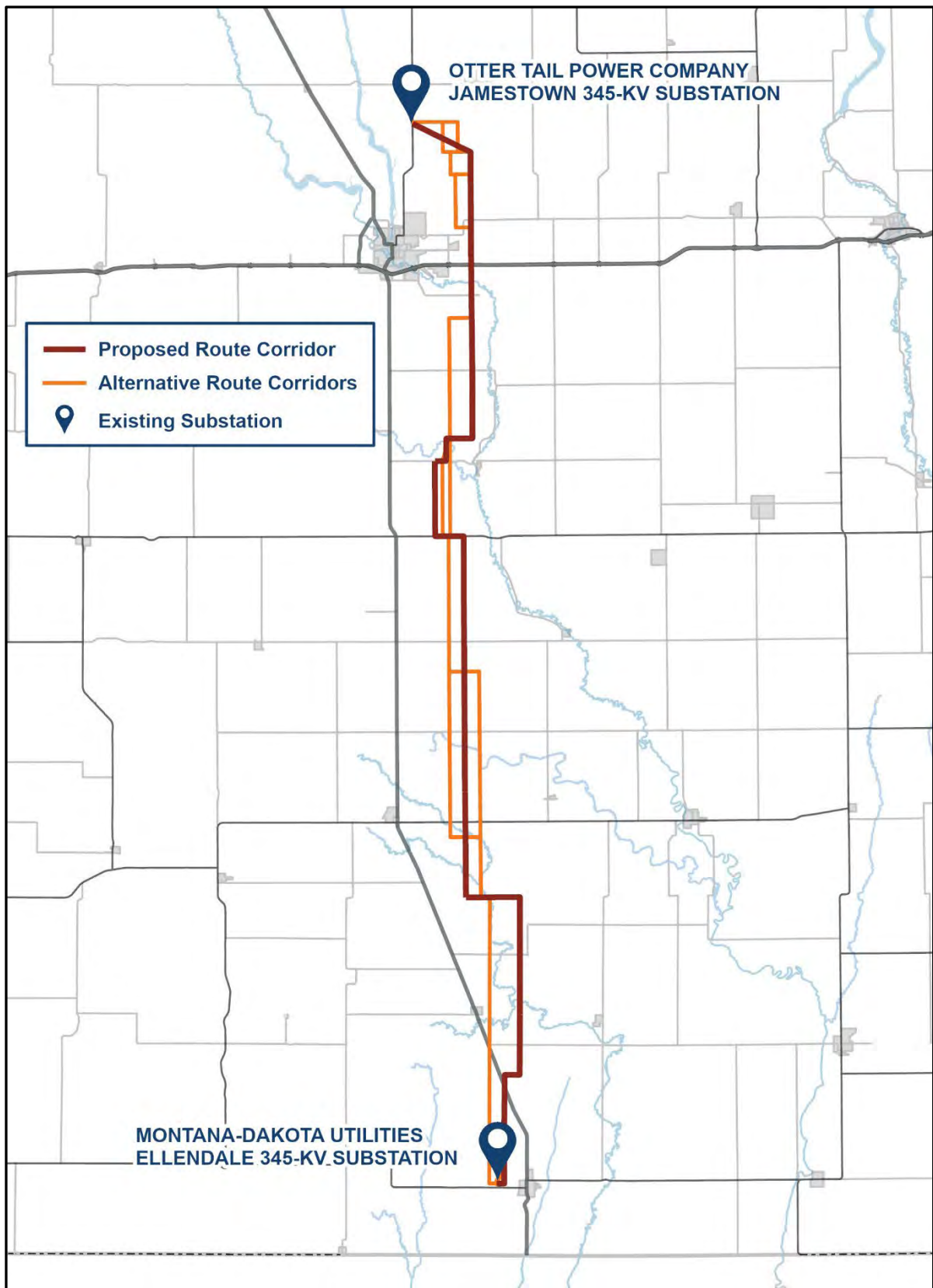
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March 22, 2023

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County Commission Chairman
Stutsman County
8021 34th St SE
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Re: Request for Information for the Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company Proposed Jamestown to Ellendale 345-kV Transmission Line Project (JETx)

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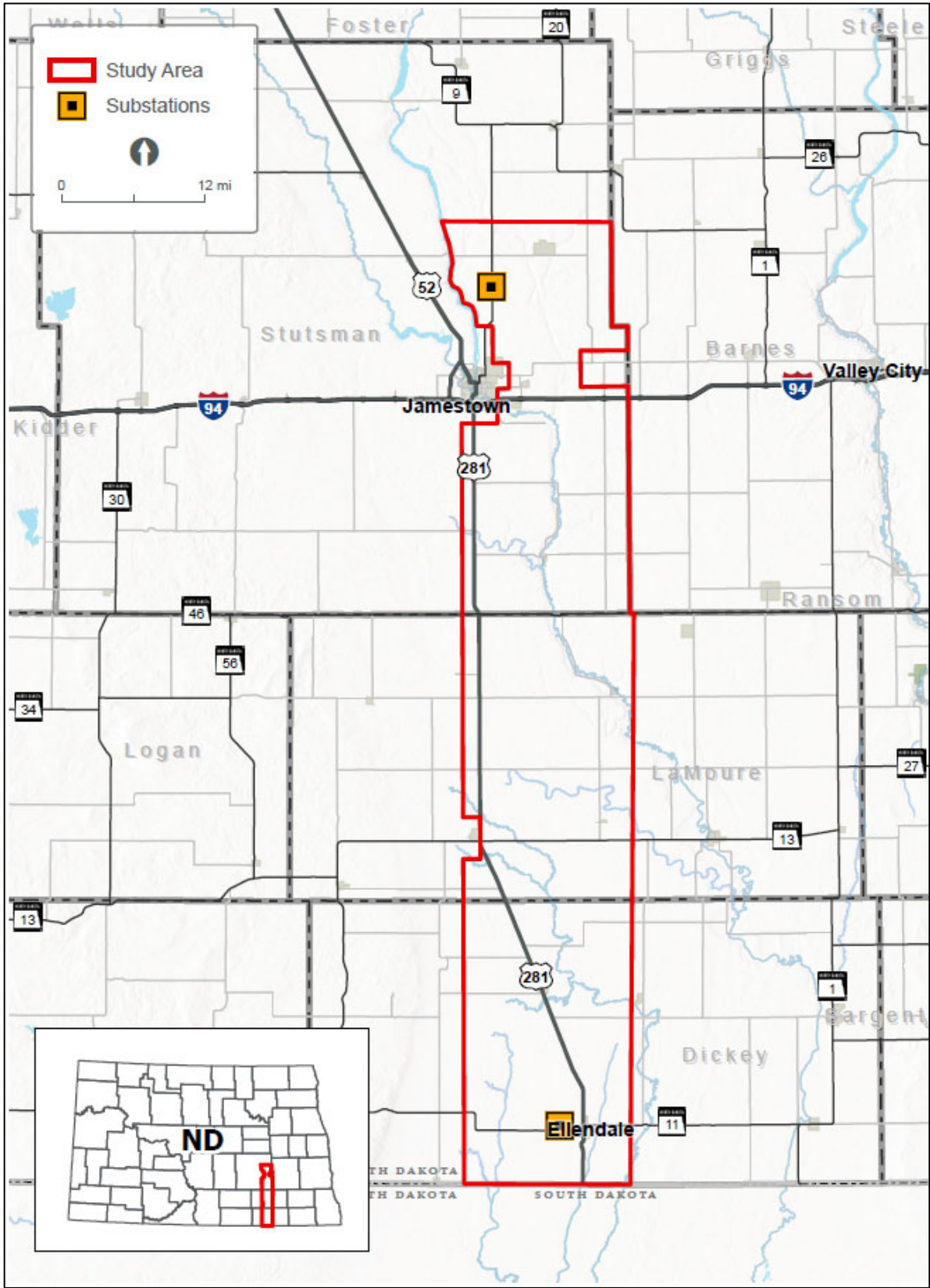
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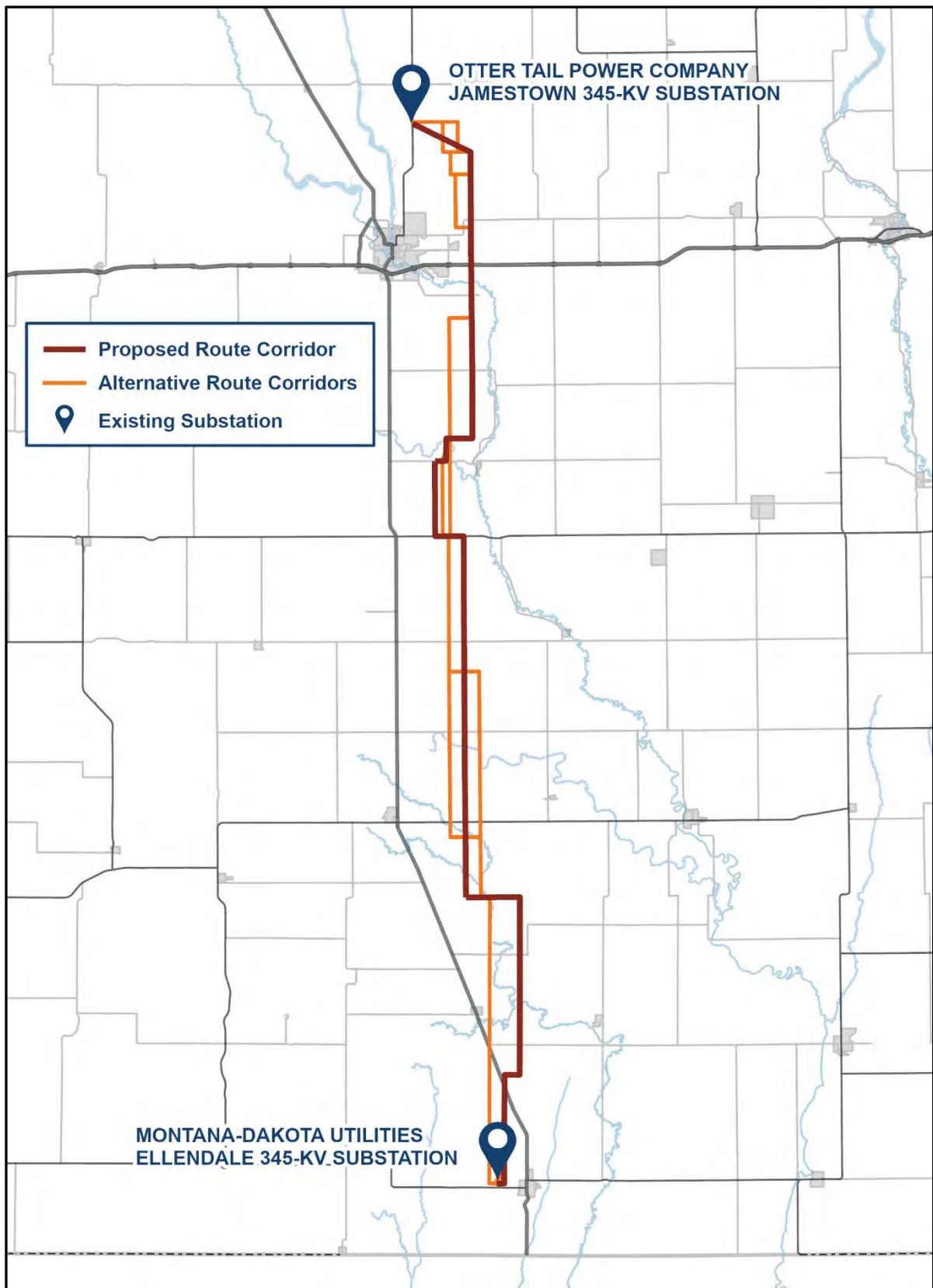
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Clerk of District Court, Stutsman County
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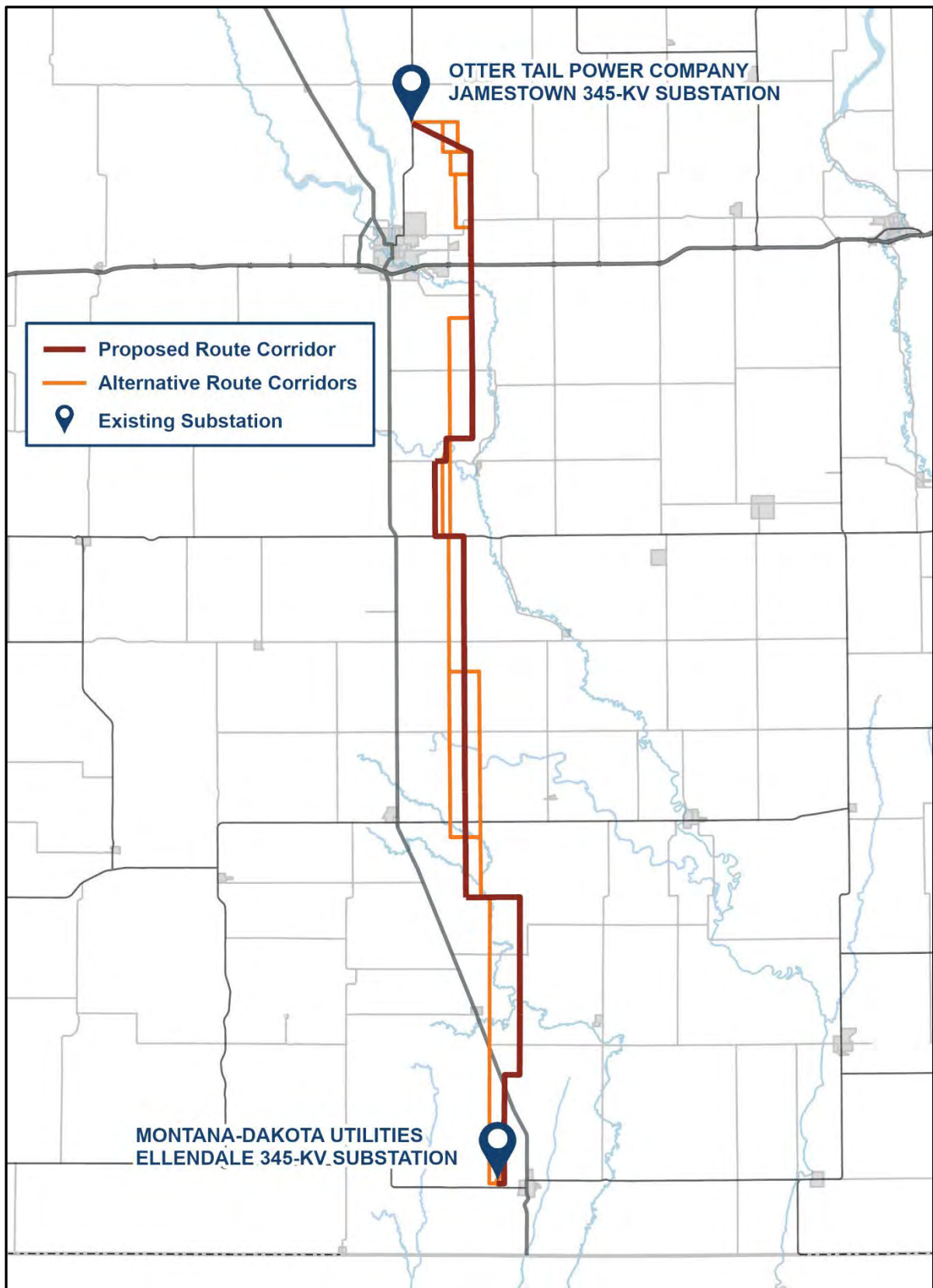
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County Commission Vice Chairman, Stutsman County
433 3rd Street SW
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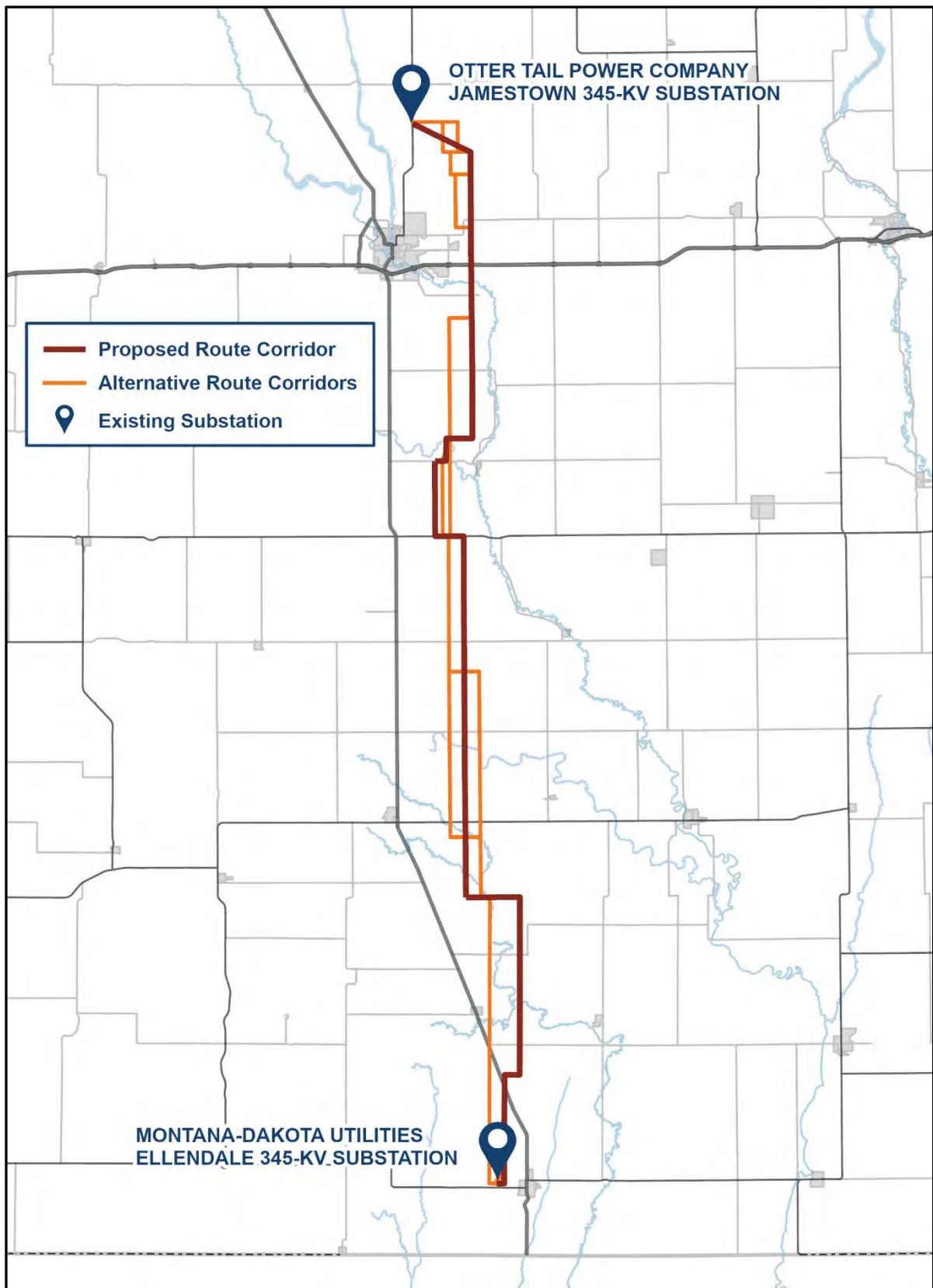
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1010 12th St NE
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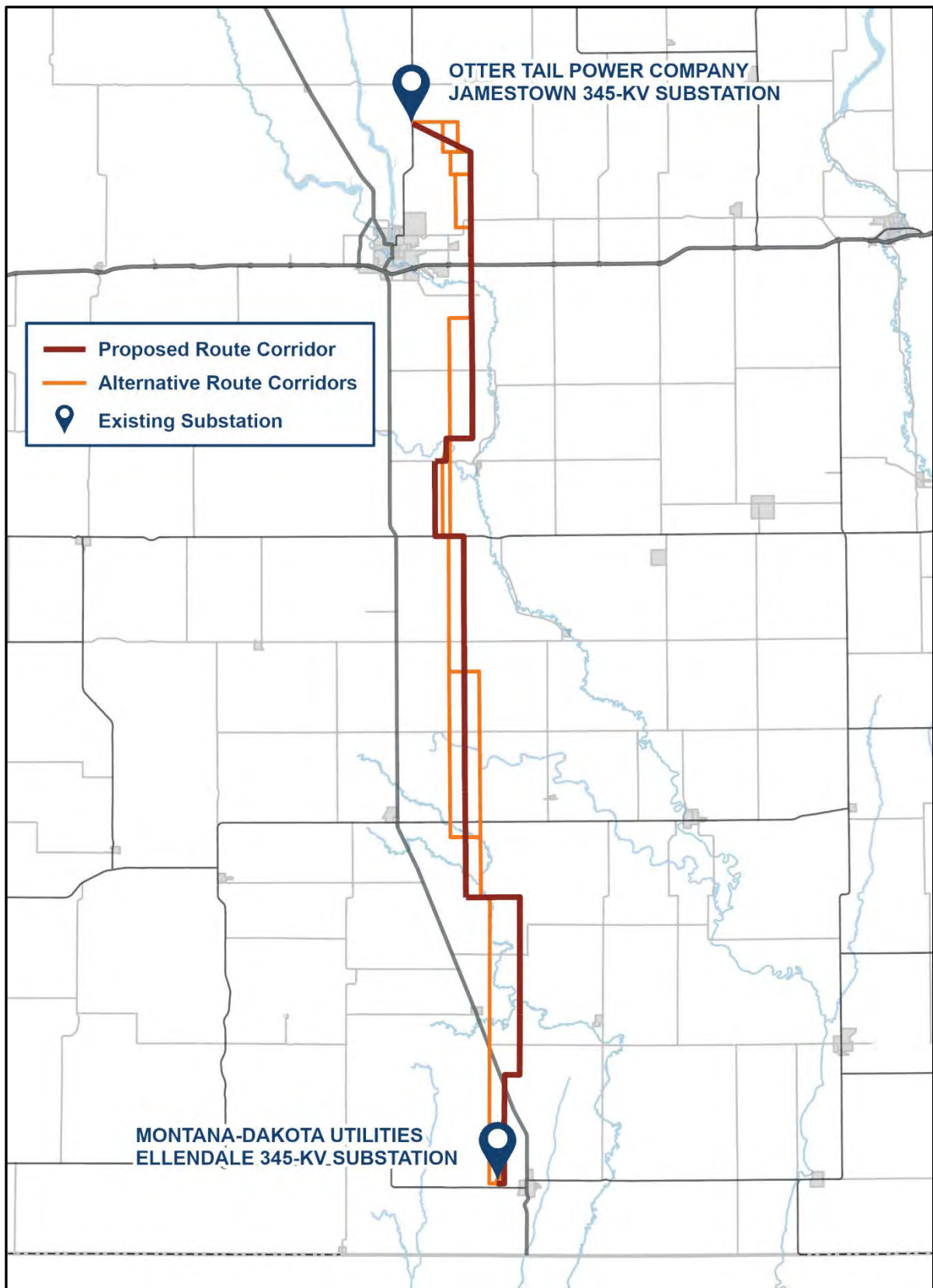
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County Commission Member, Stutsman County
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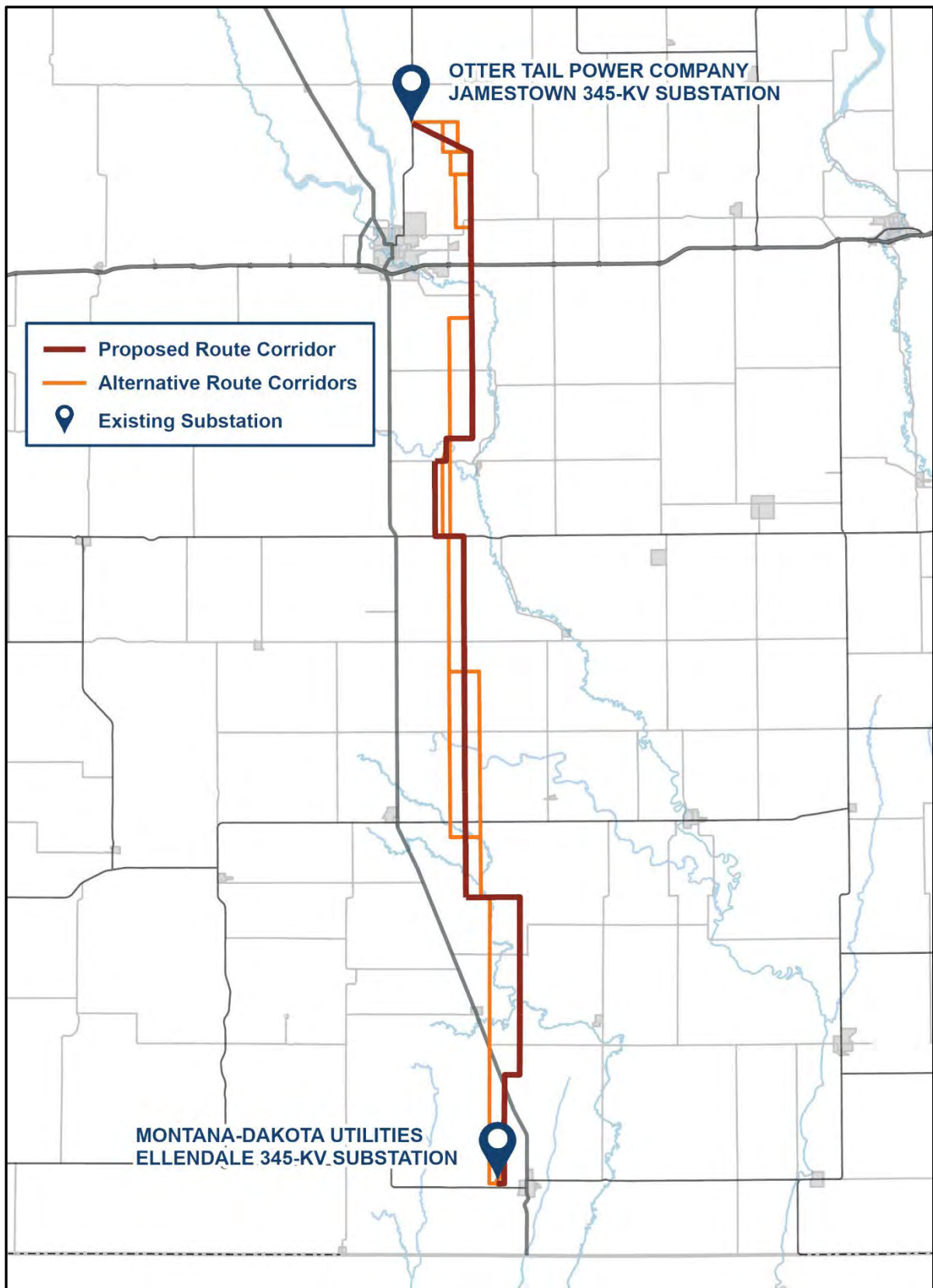
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Chad Wolsky
County Commission Member, Stutsman County
3027 83rd 1/2 Ave SE
Jamestown, ND 58401

Re: Request for Input and Meetings for the Otter Tail Power Company and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. proposed Jamestown to Ellendale 345-kV transmission line project

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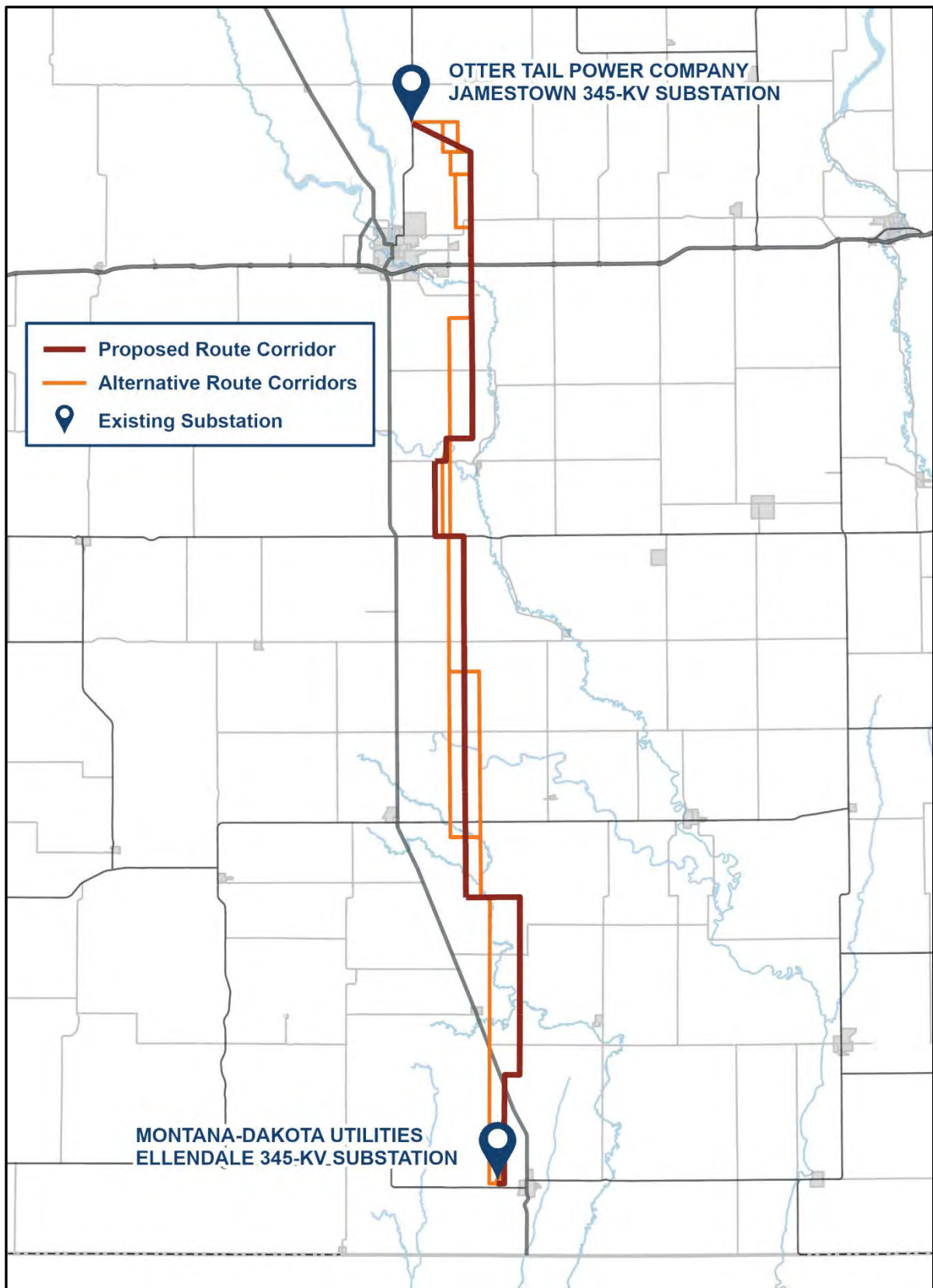
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Parks Superintendent, Stutsman County
511 2nd Ave SE
Jamestown, ND 58401

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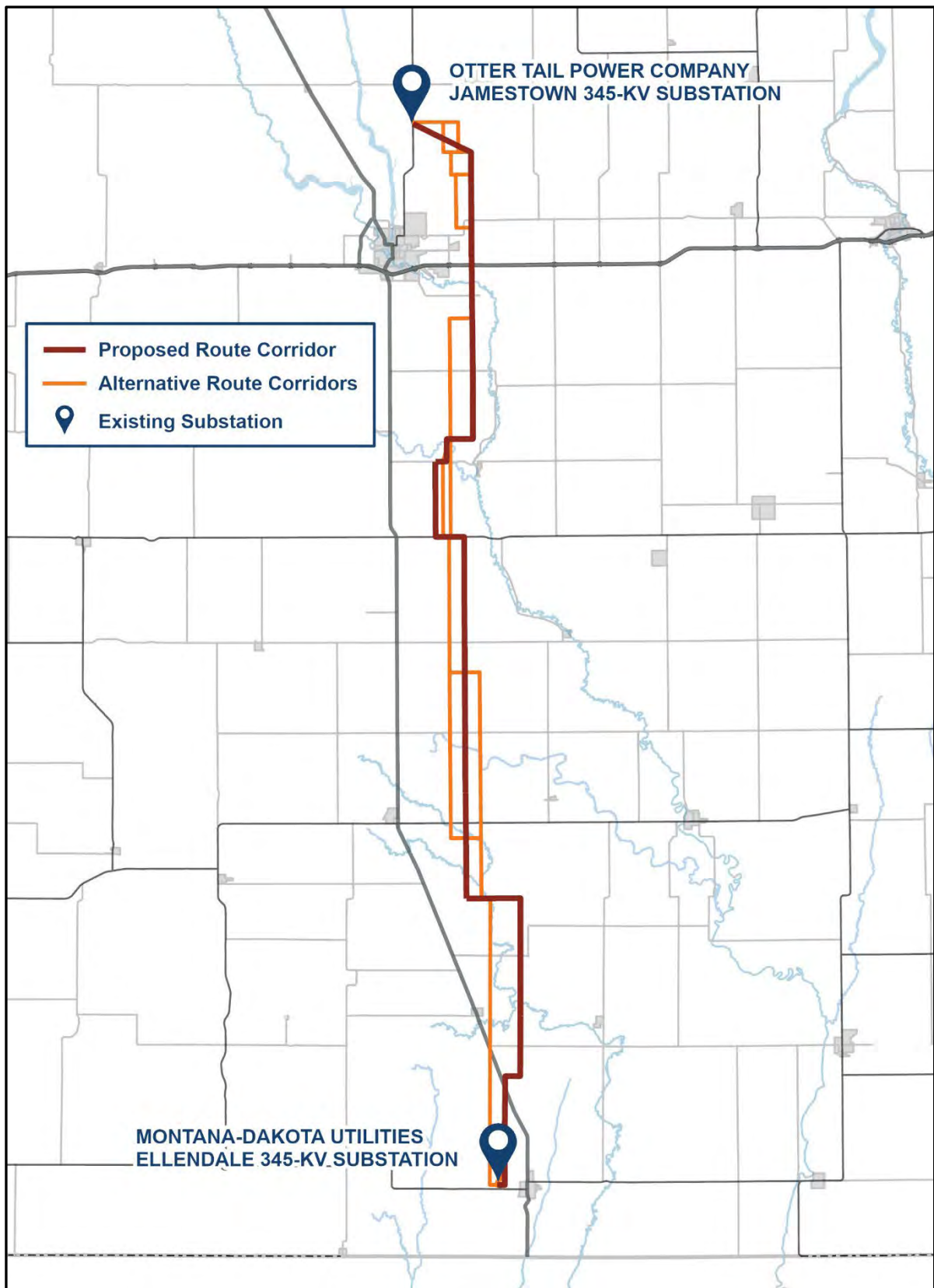
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Sheriff, Stutsman County
205 6th St SE, Suite #102
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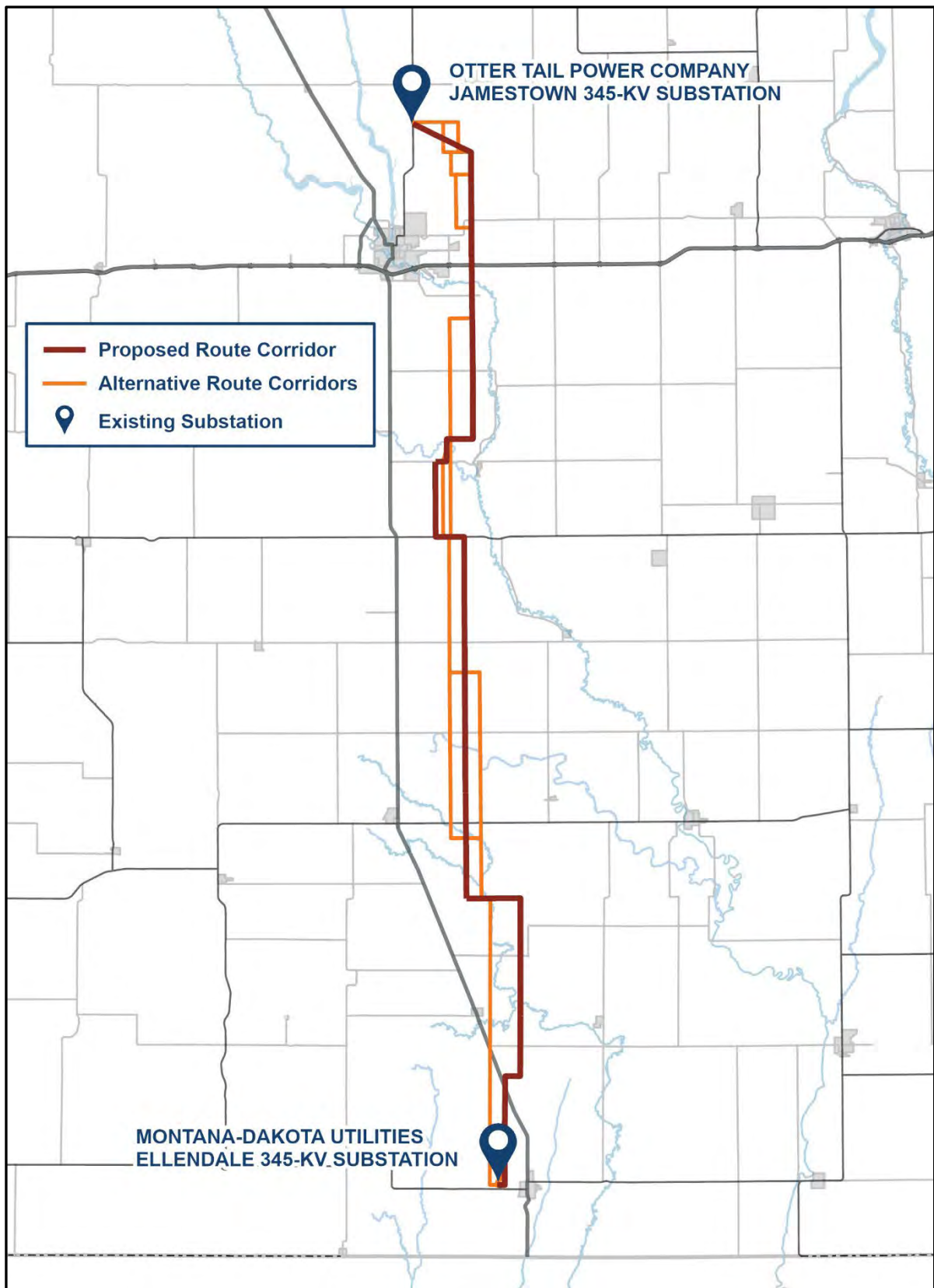
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Tax Director, Stutsman County
511 2nd Ave SE, Suite #102
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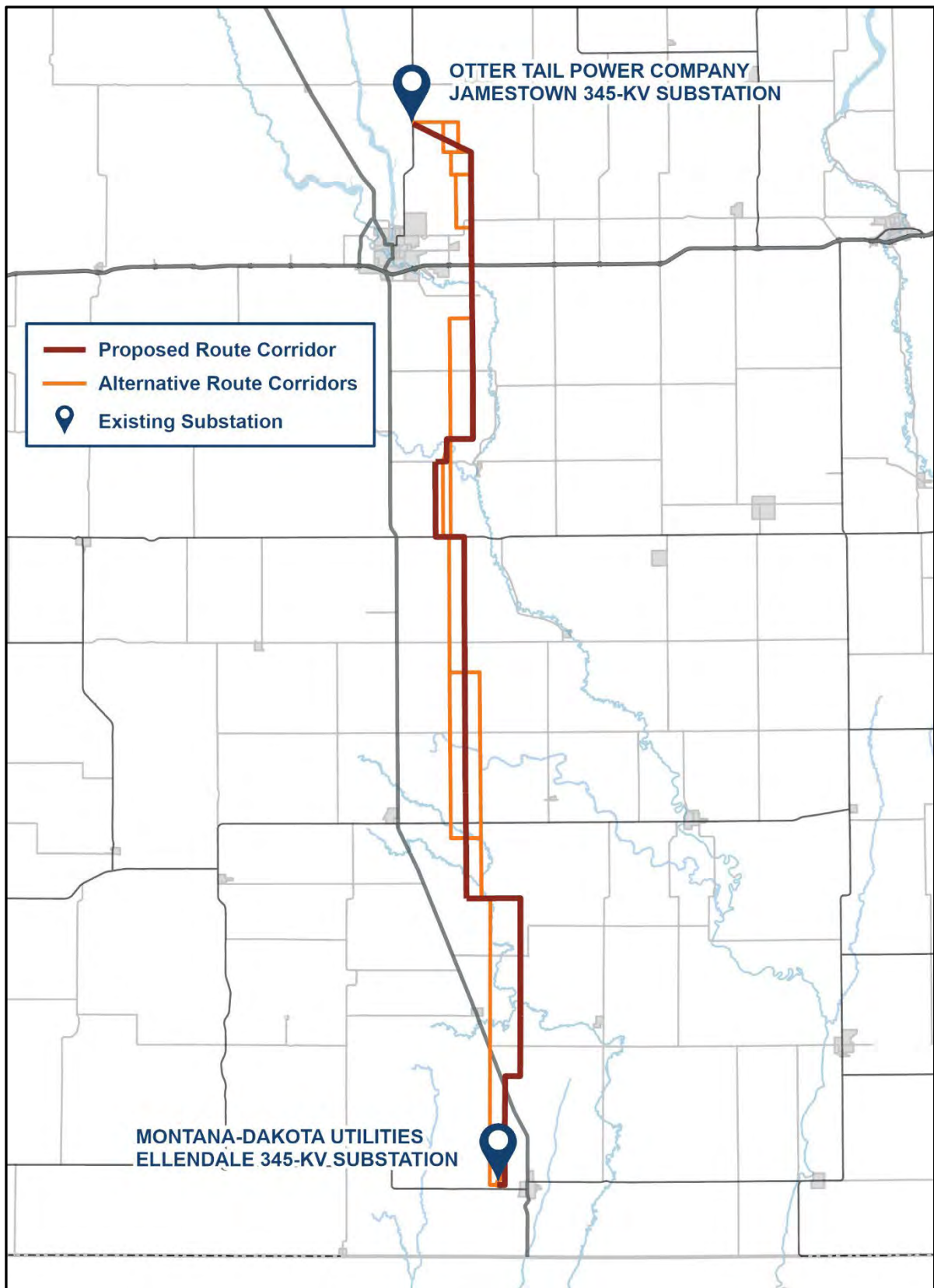
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Re: Request for Information for the Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company Proposed Jamestown to Ellendale 345-kV Transmission Line Project (JETx)

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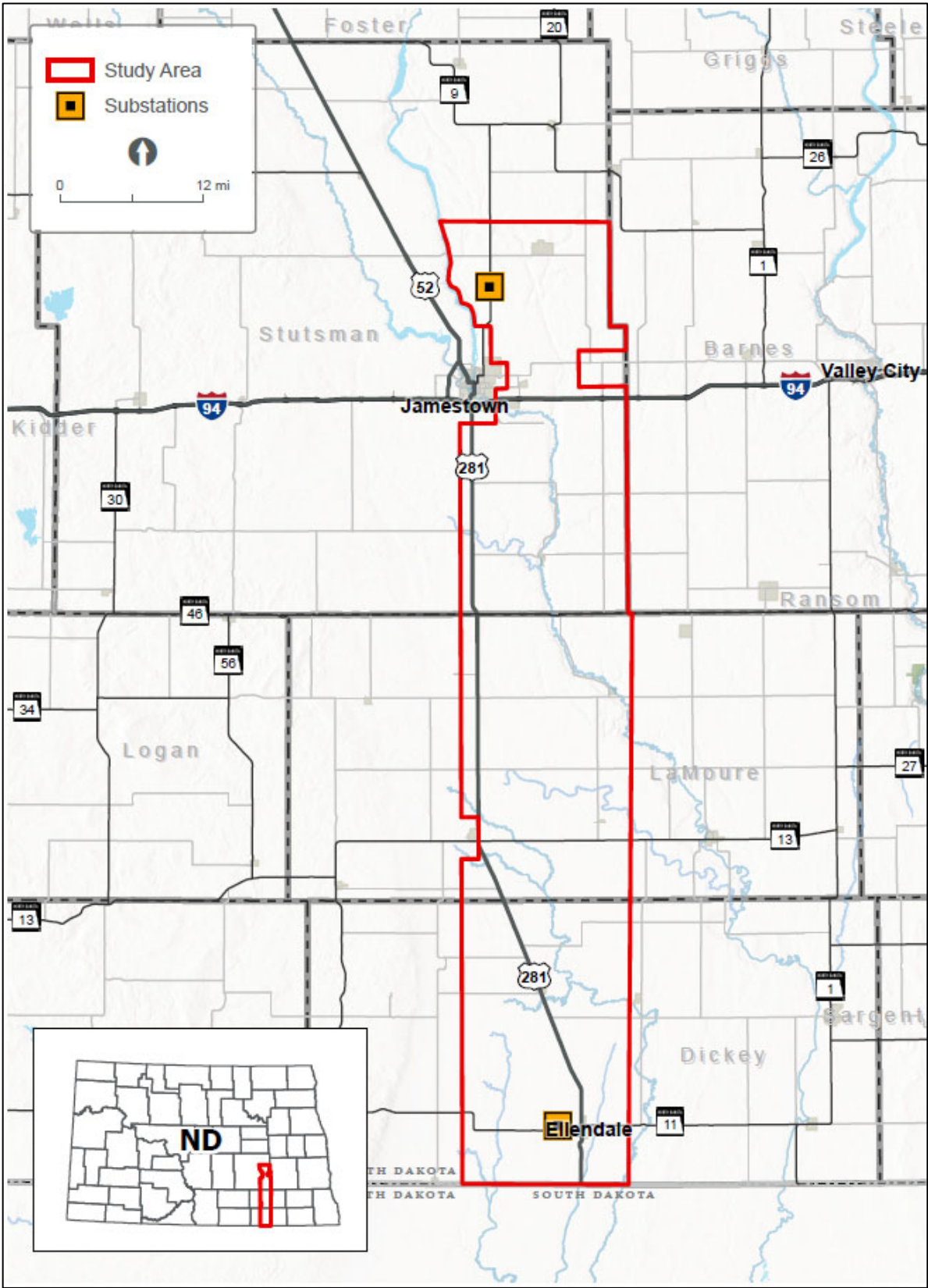
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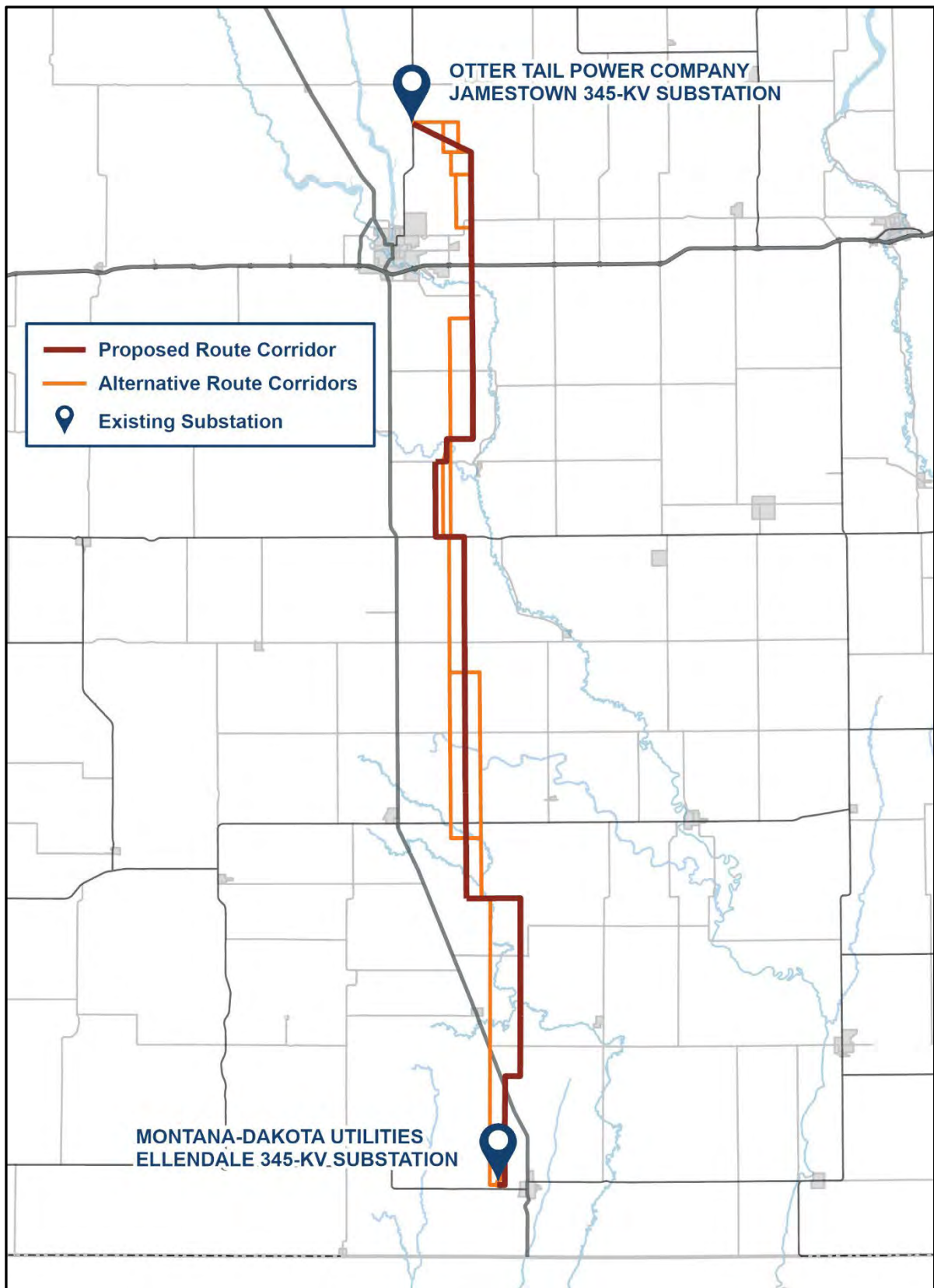
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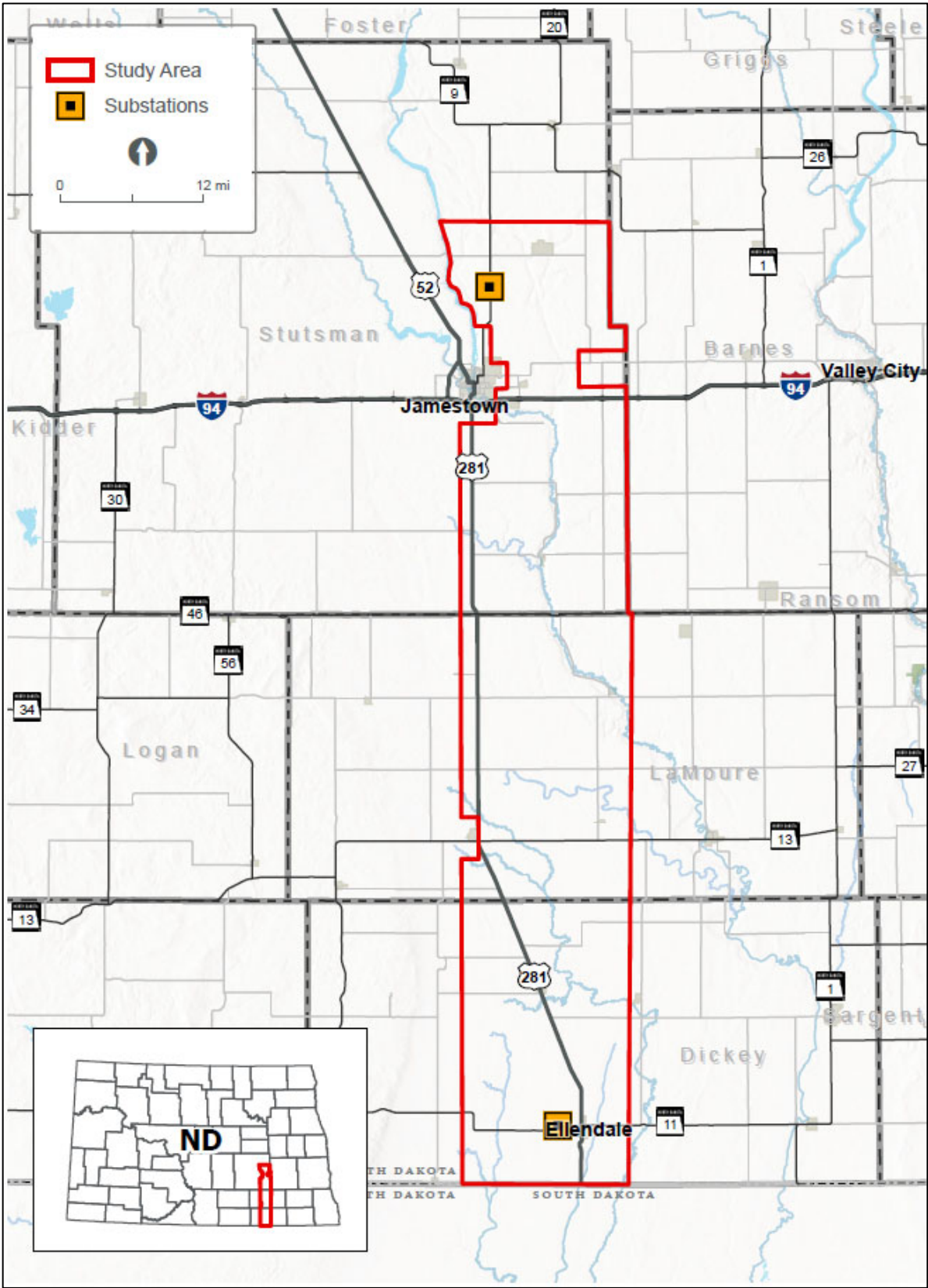
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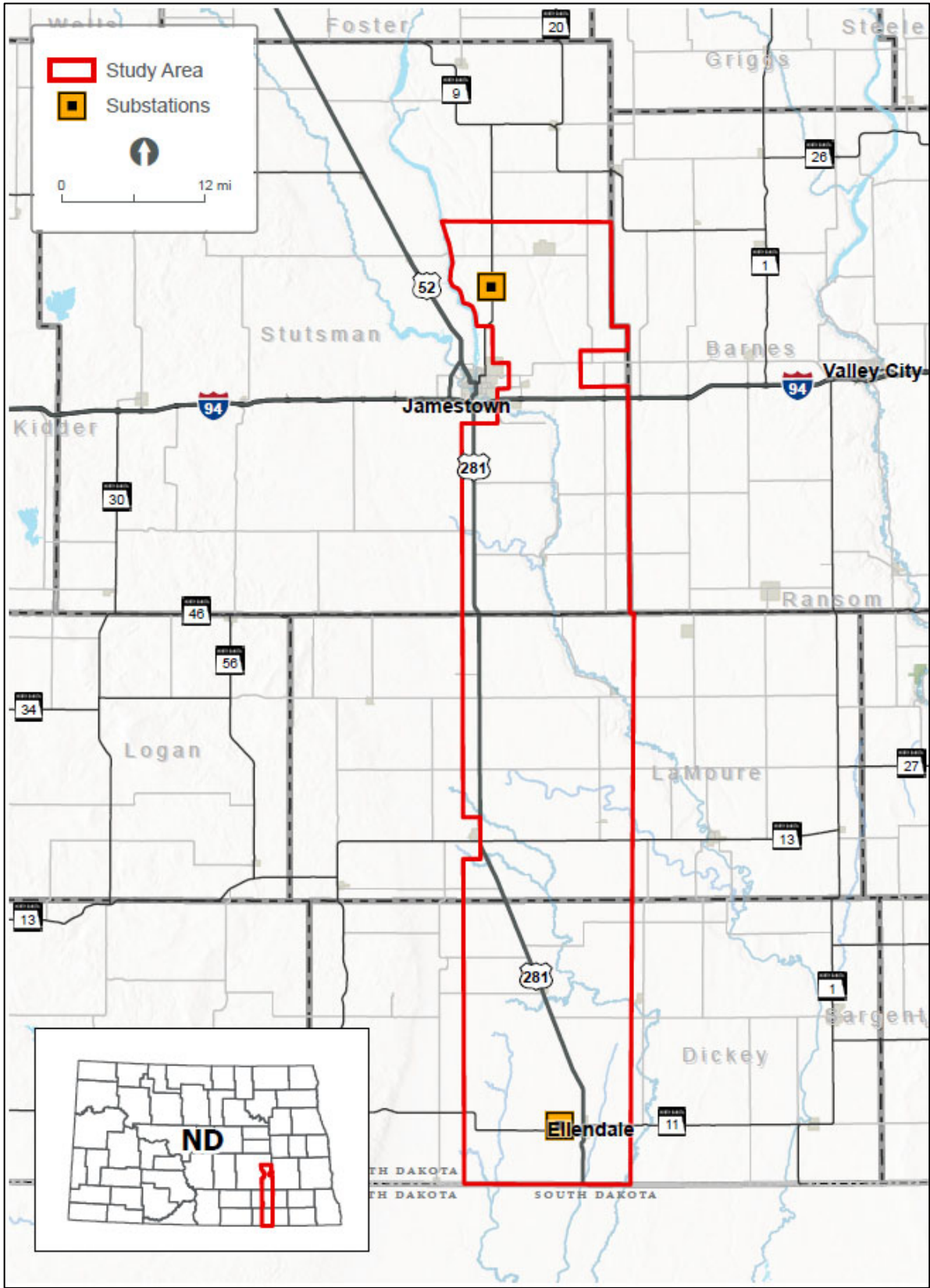
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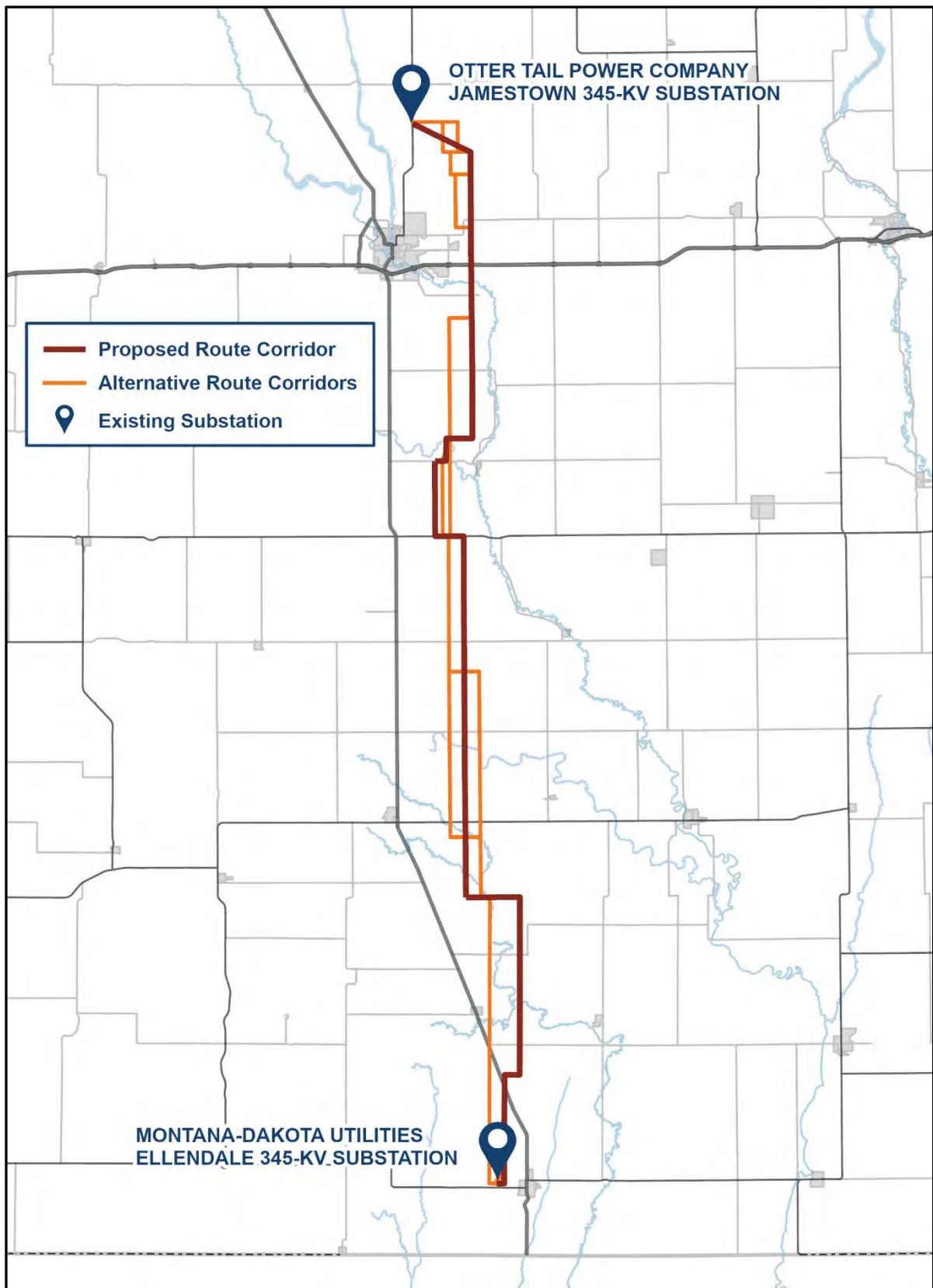
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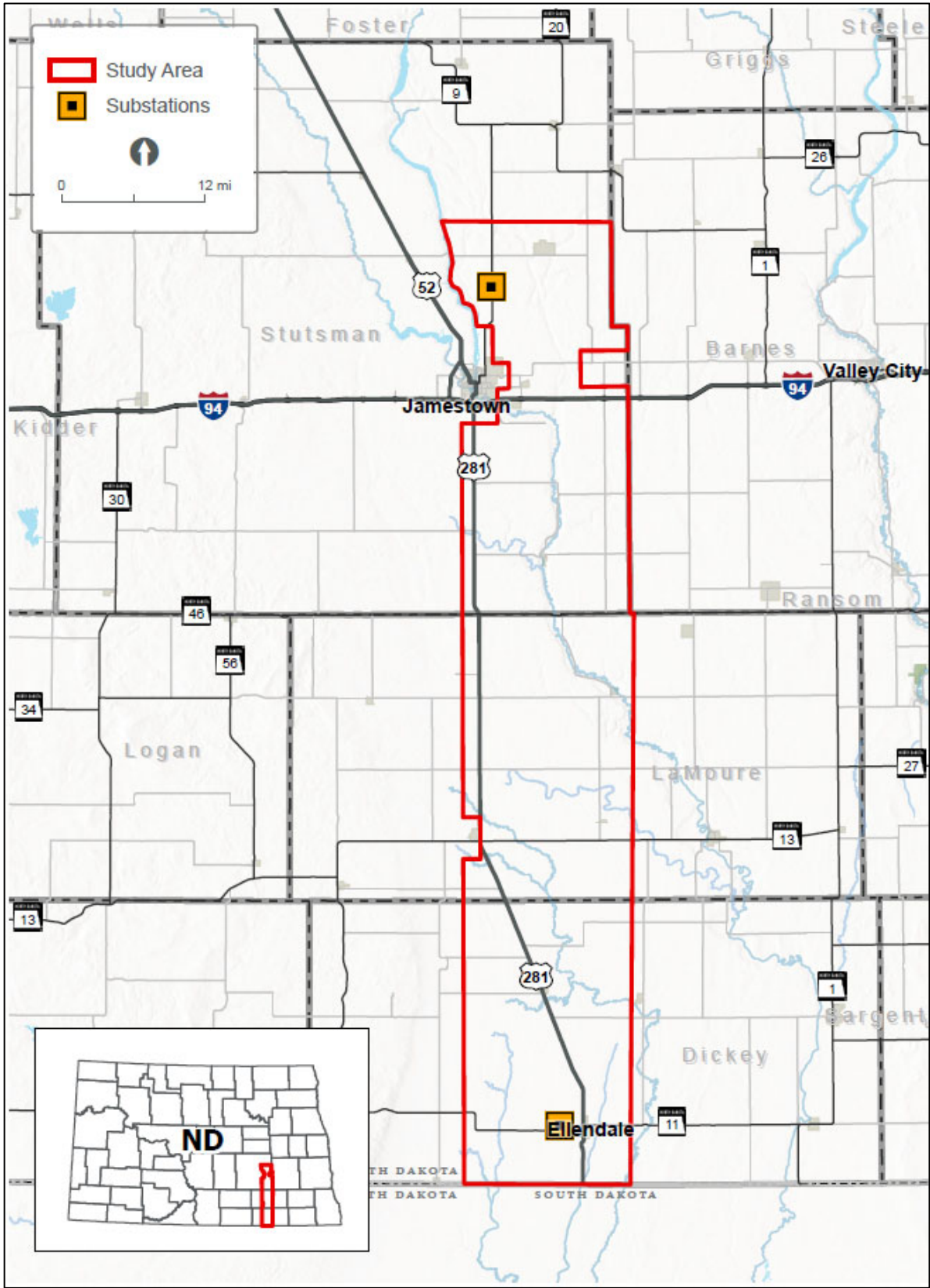
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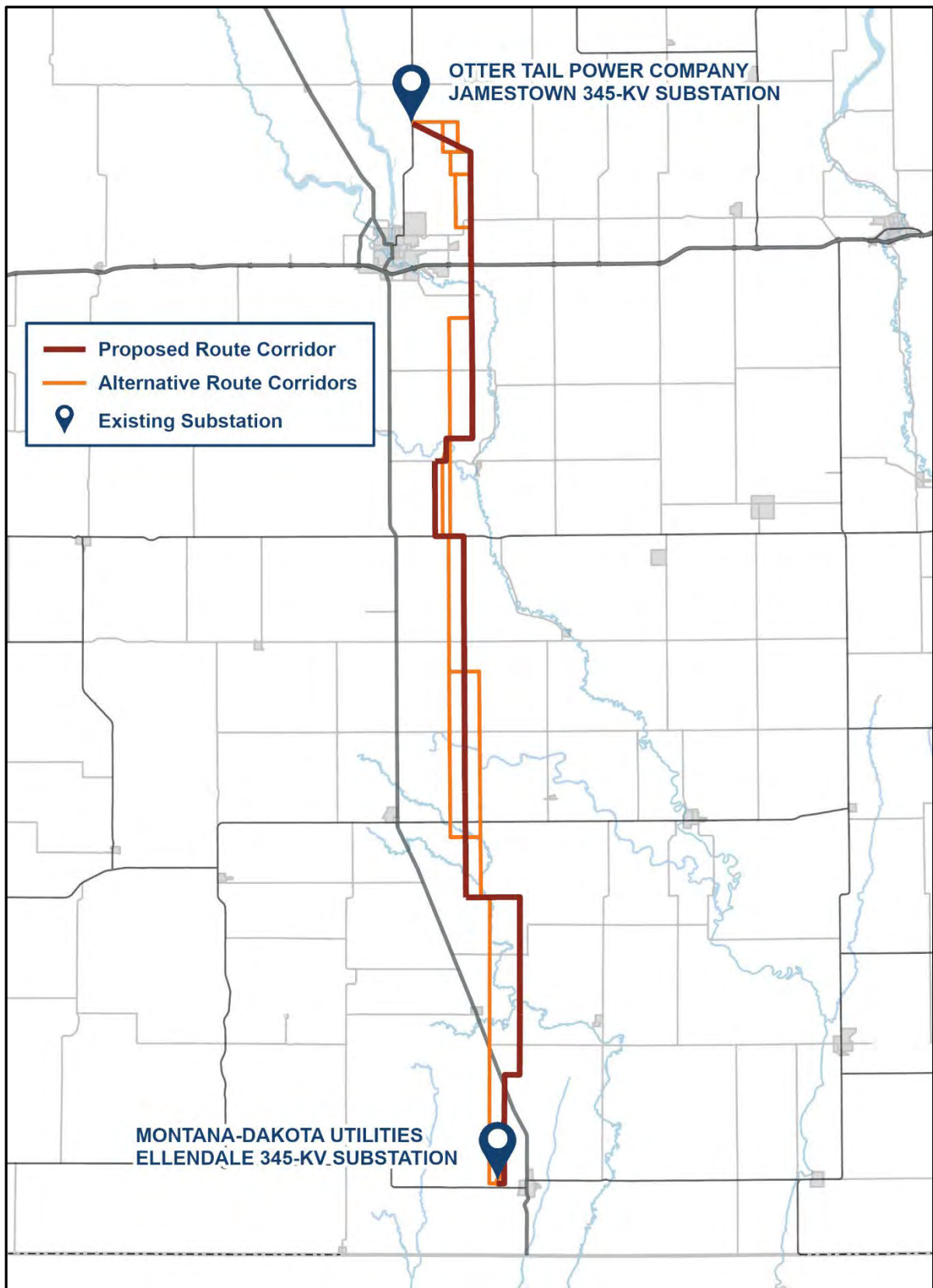
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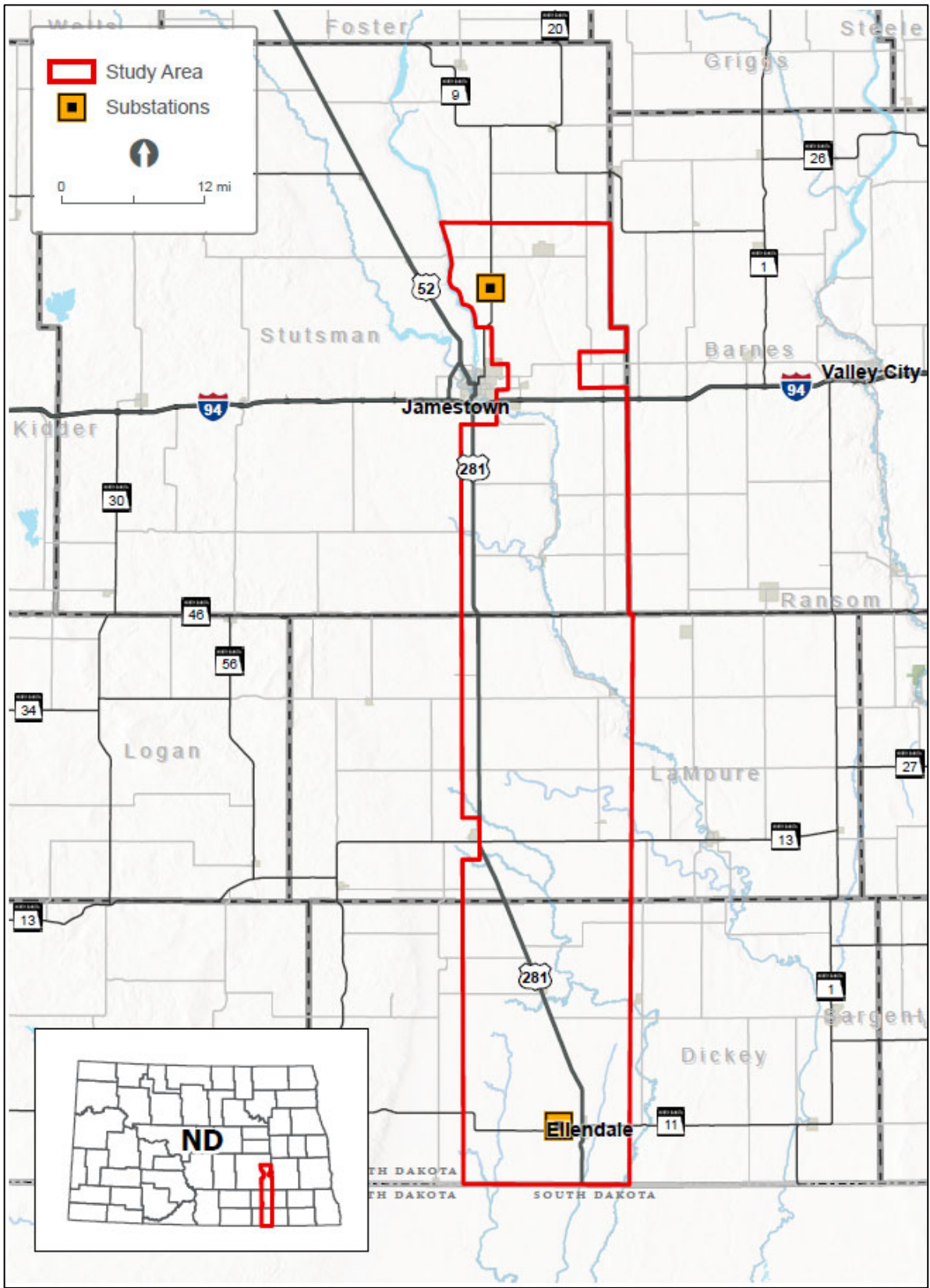
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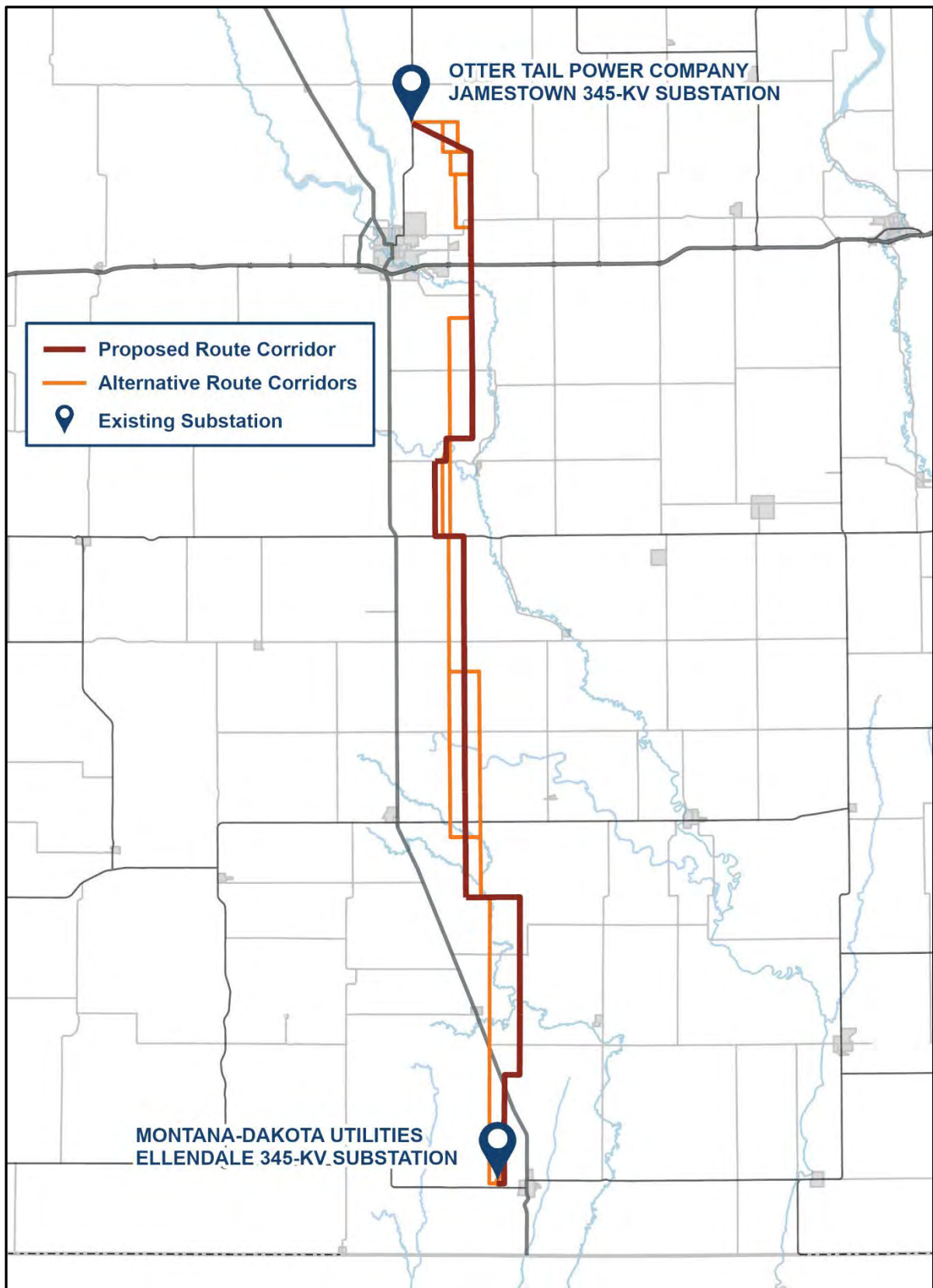
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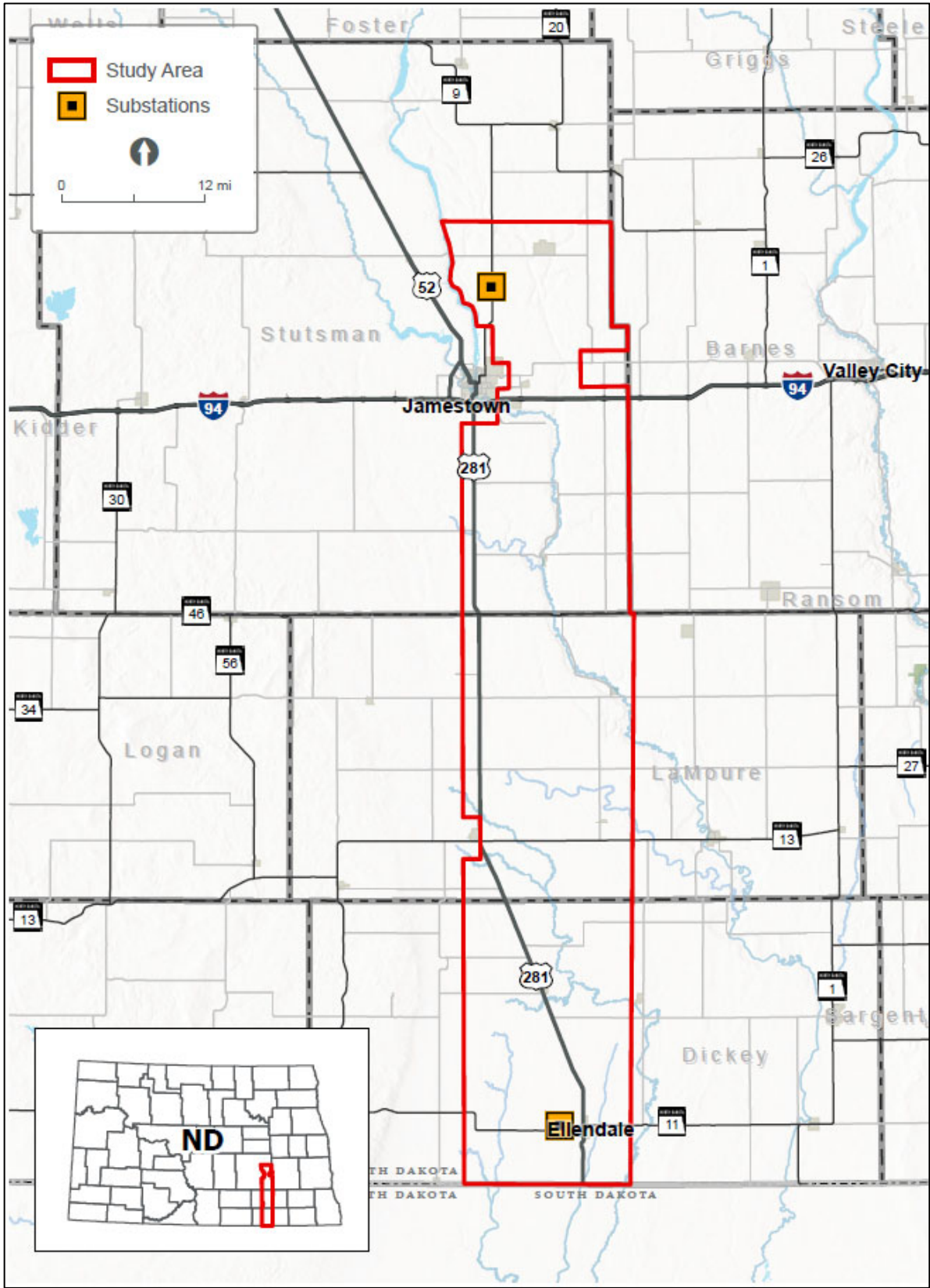
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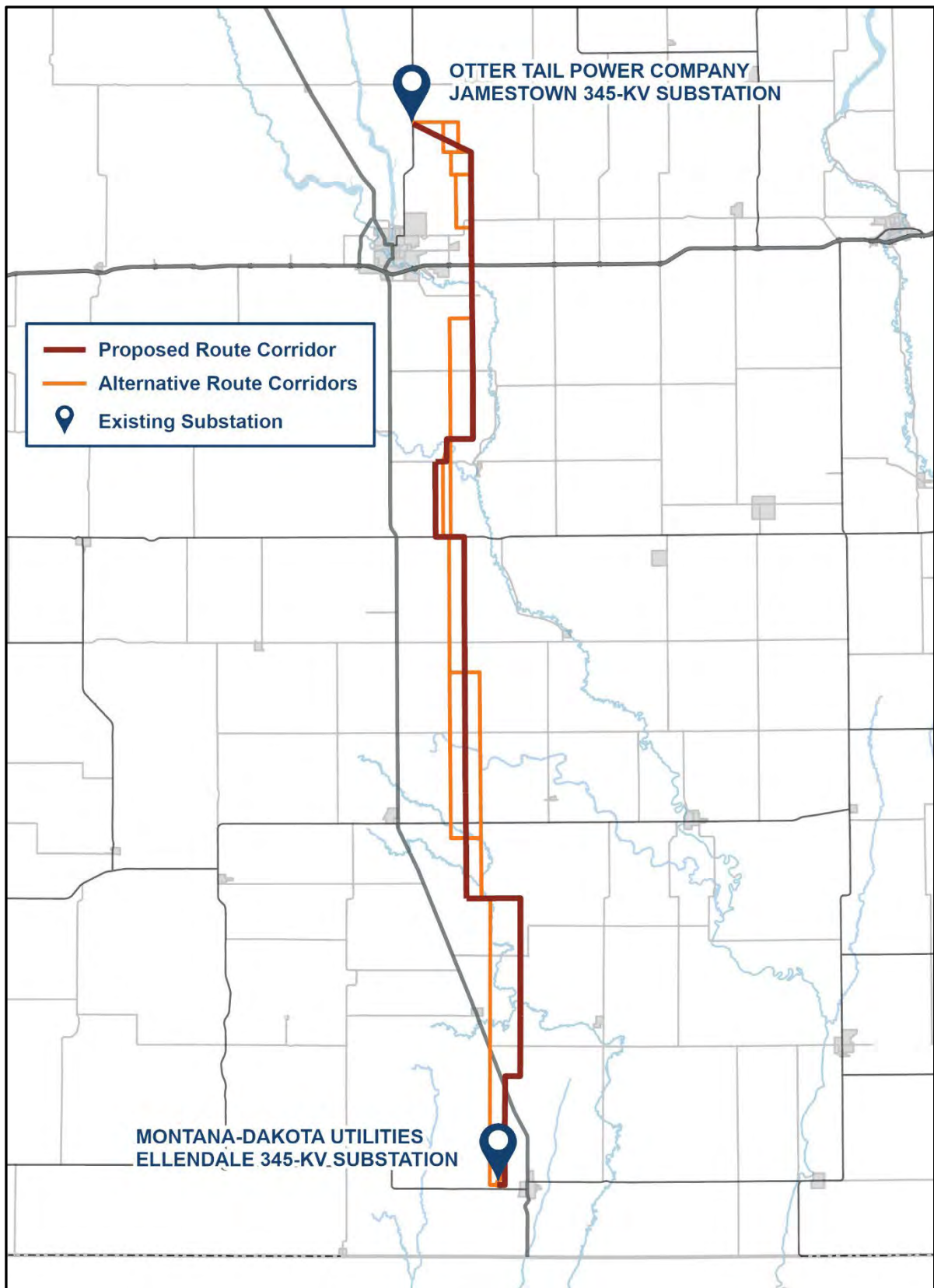
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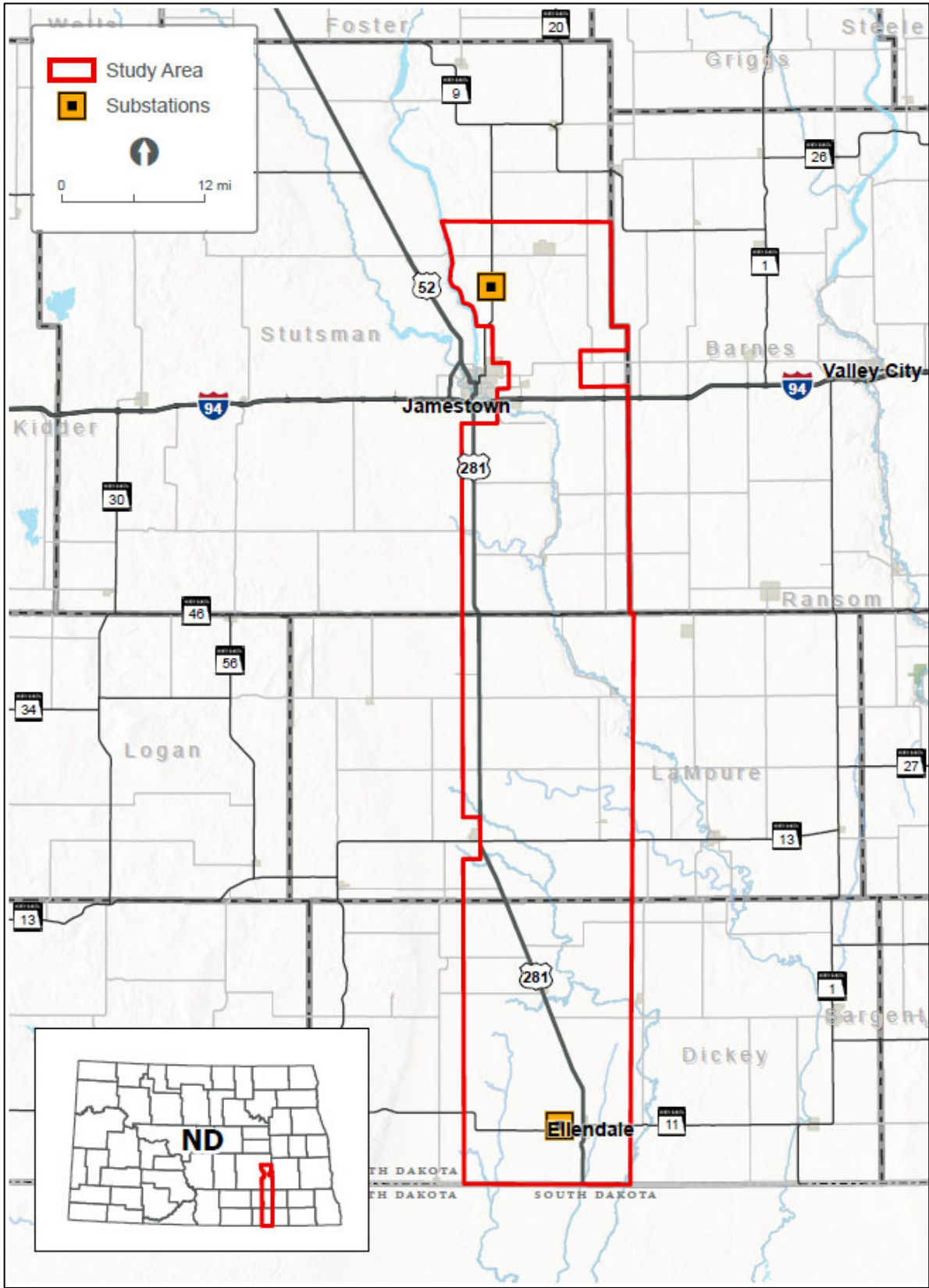
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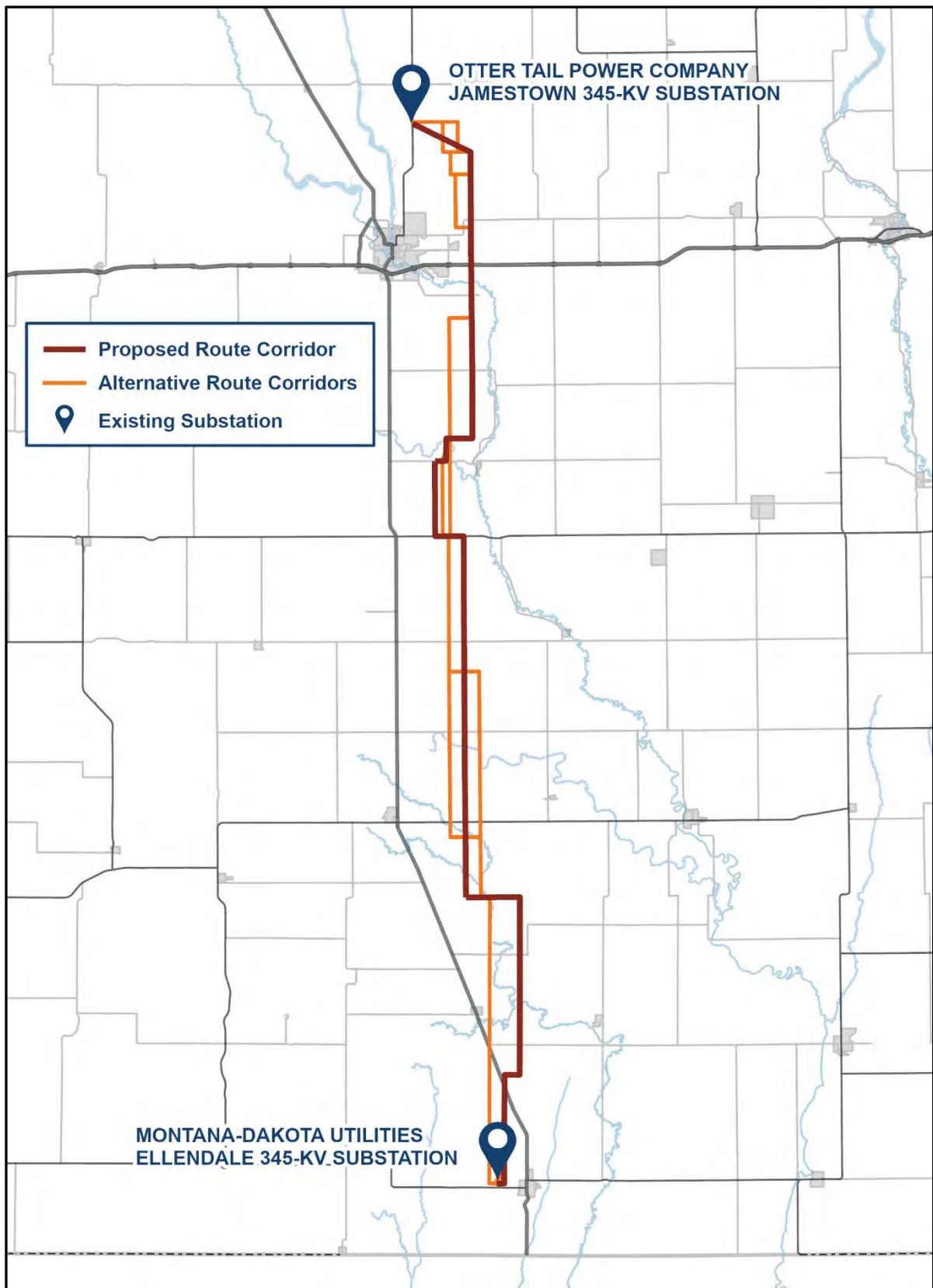
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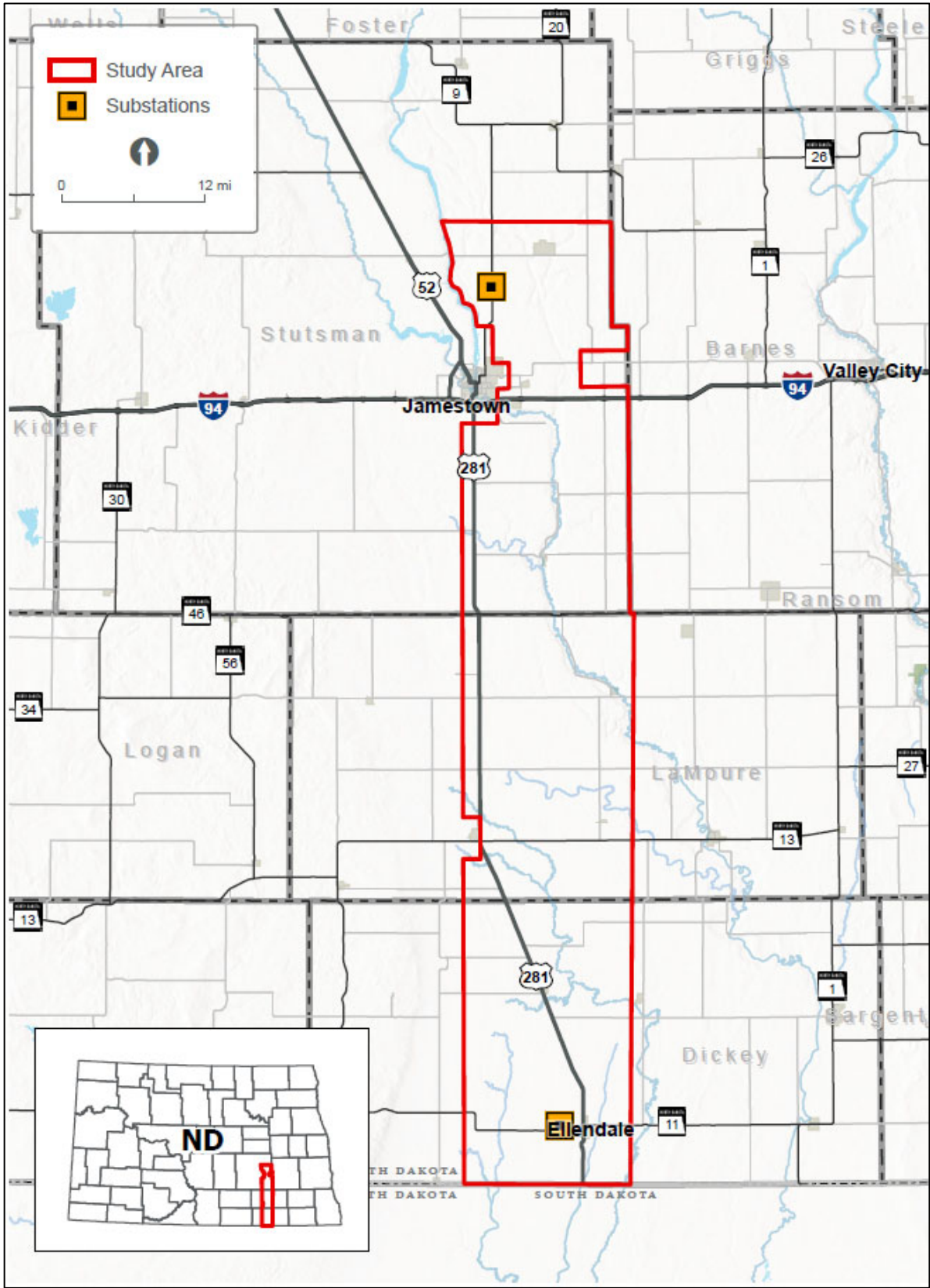
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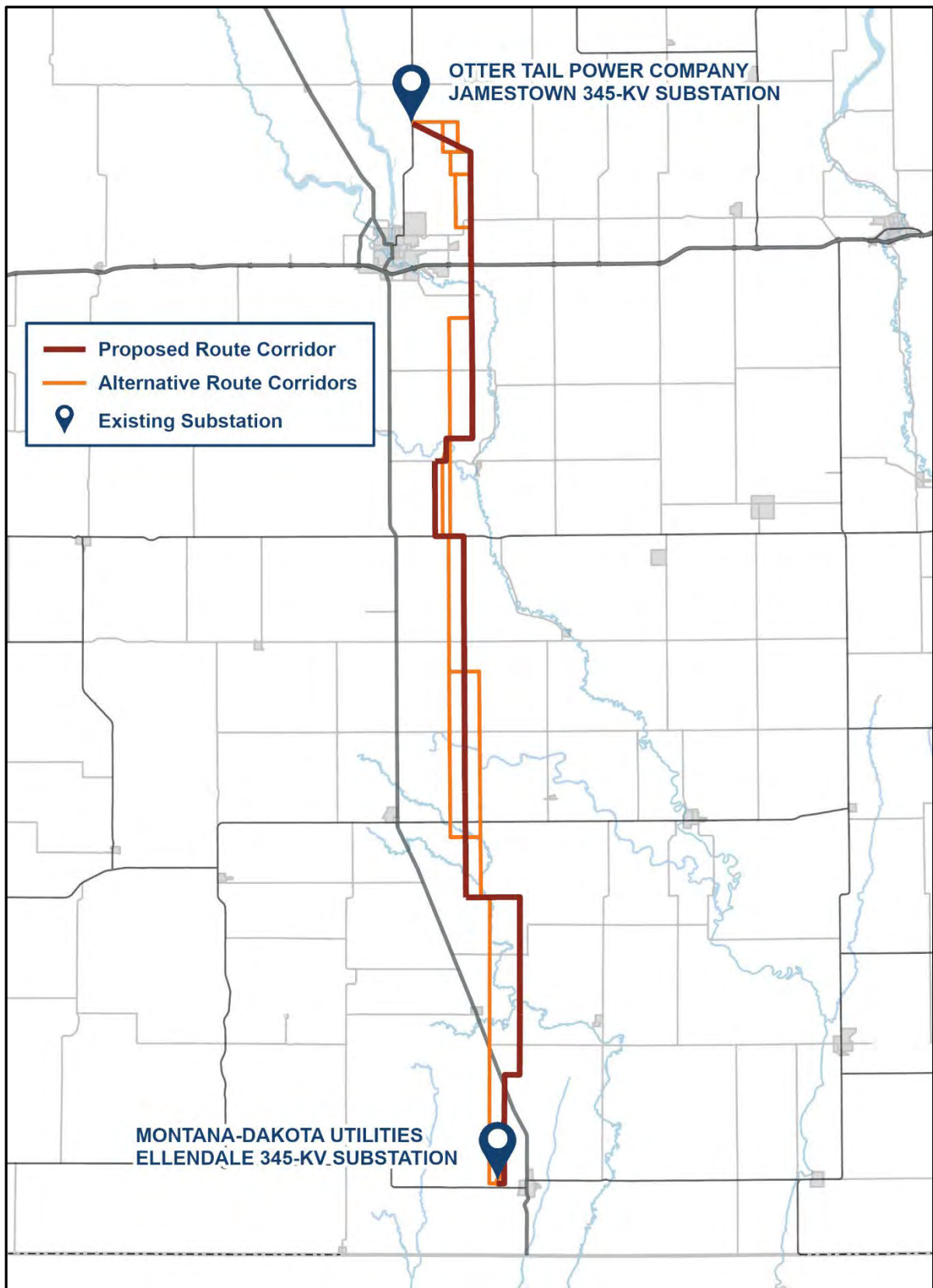
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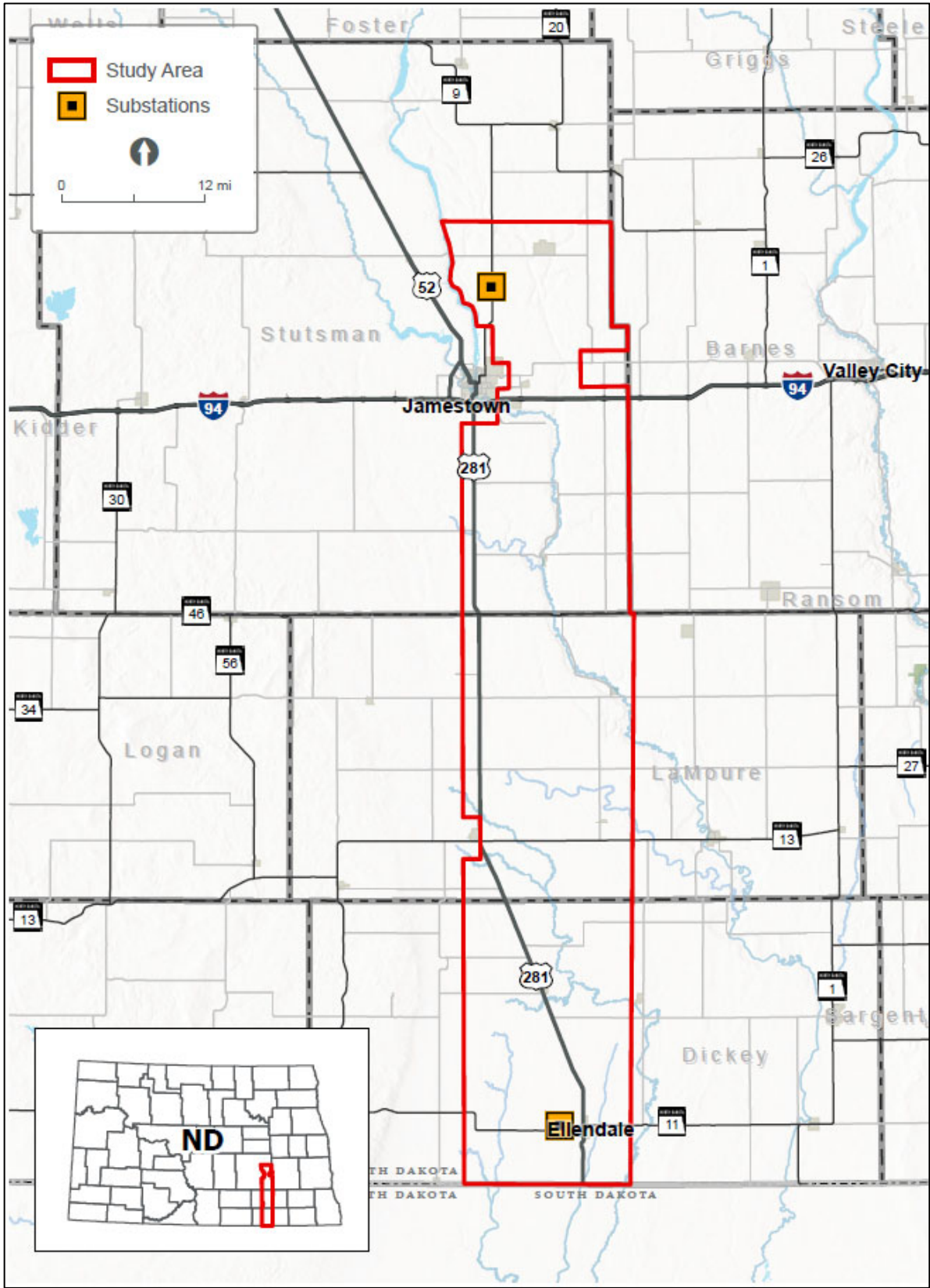
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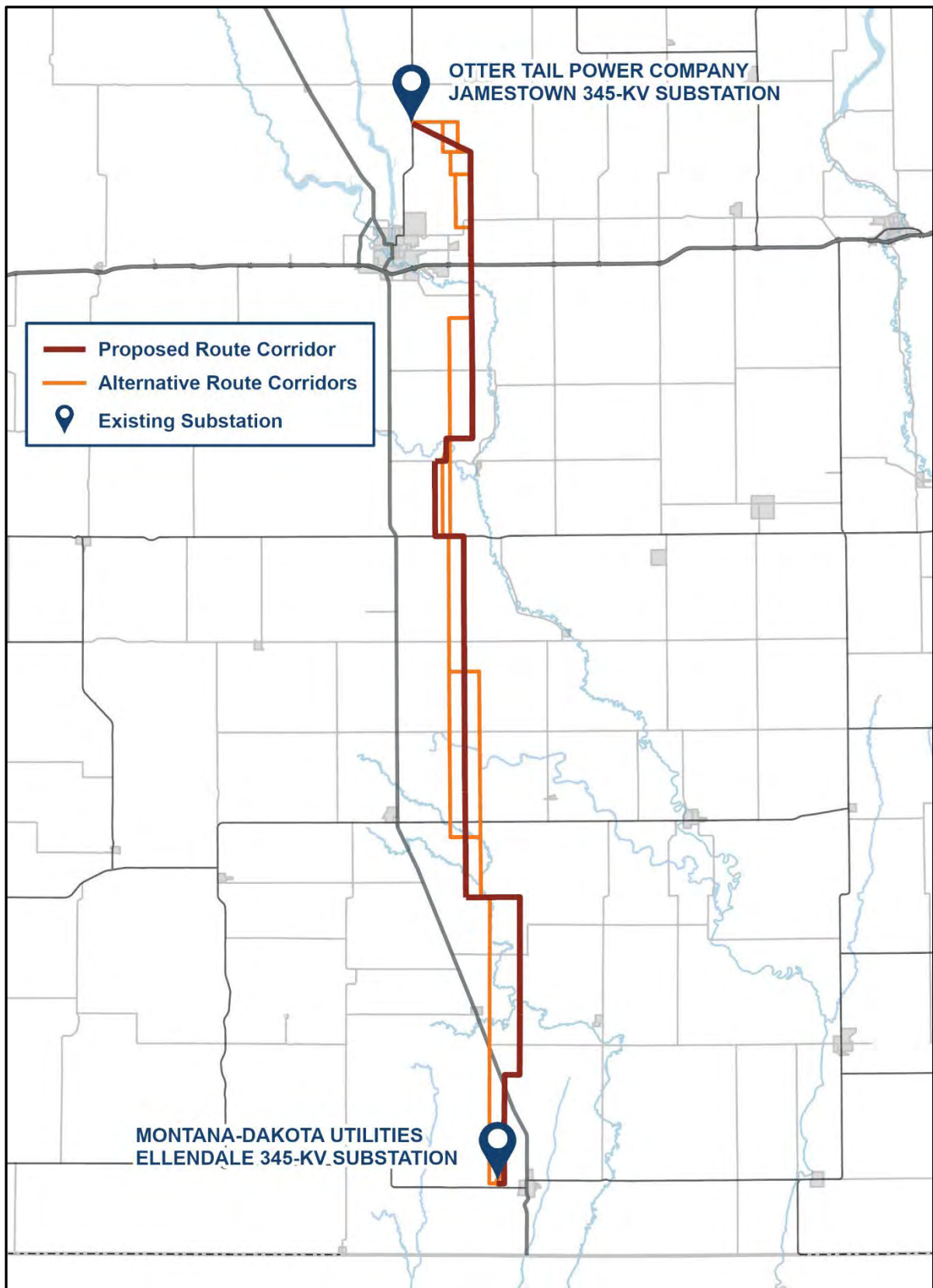
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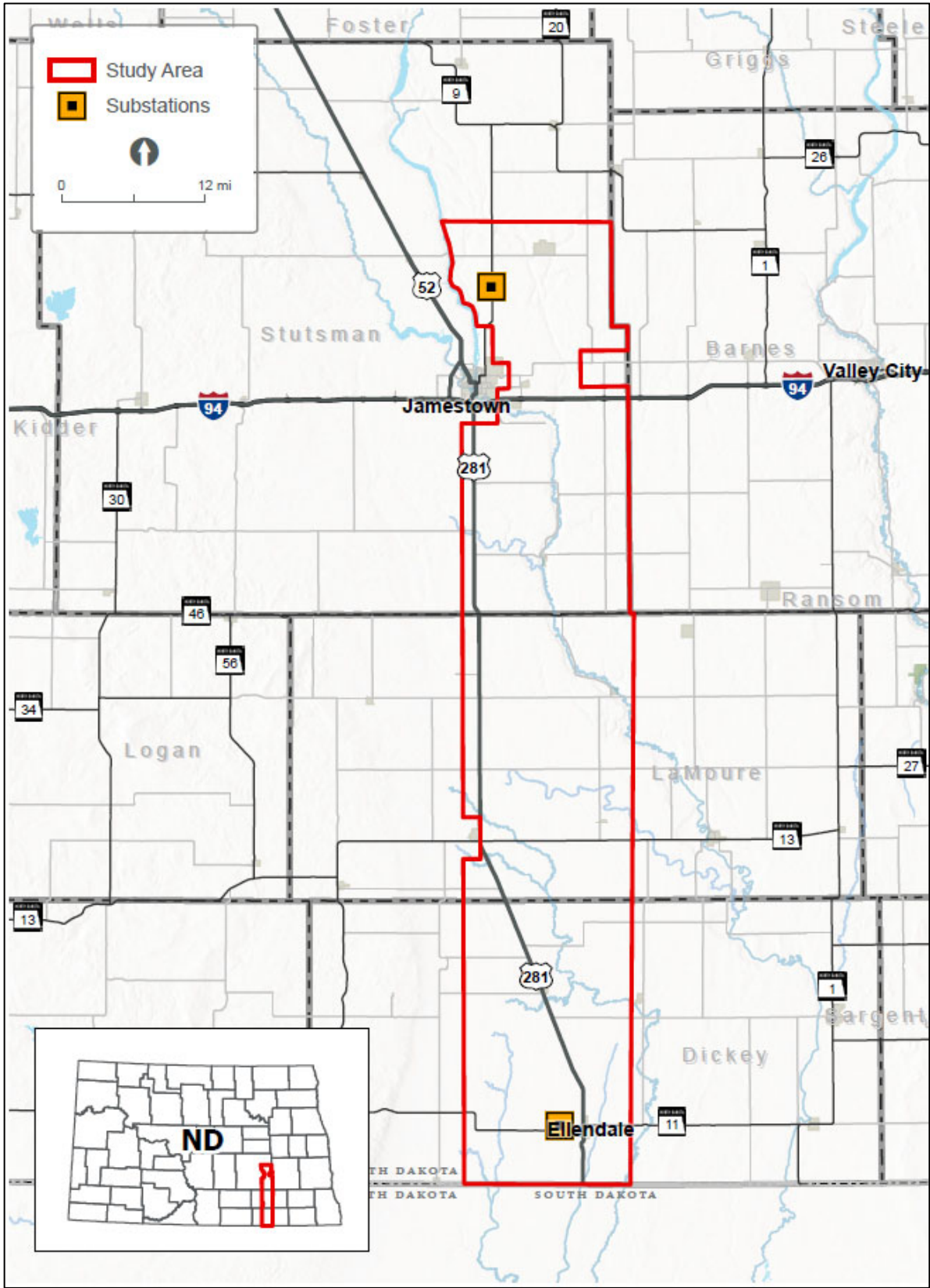
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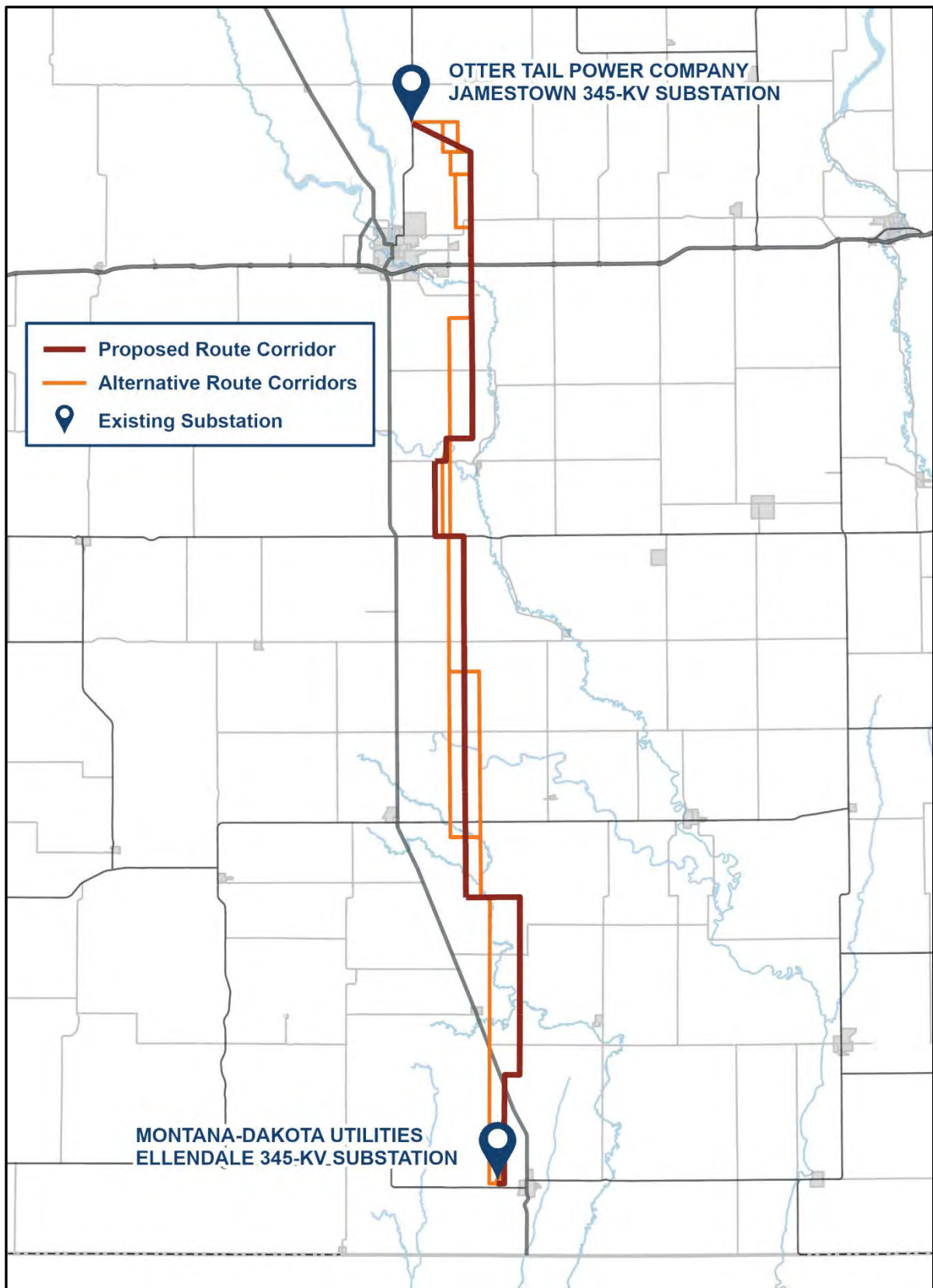
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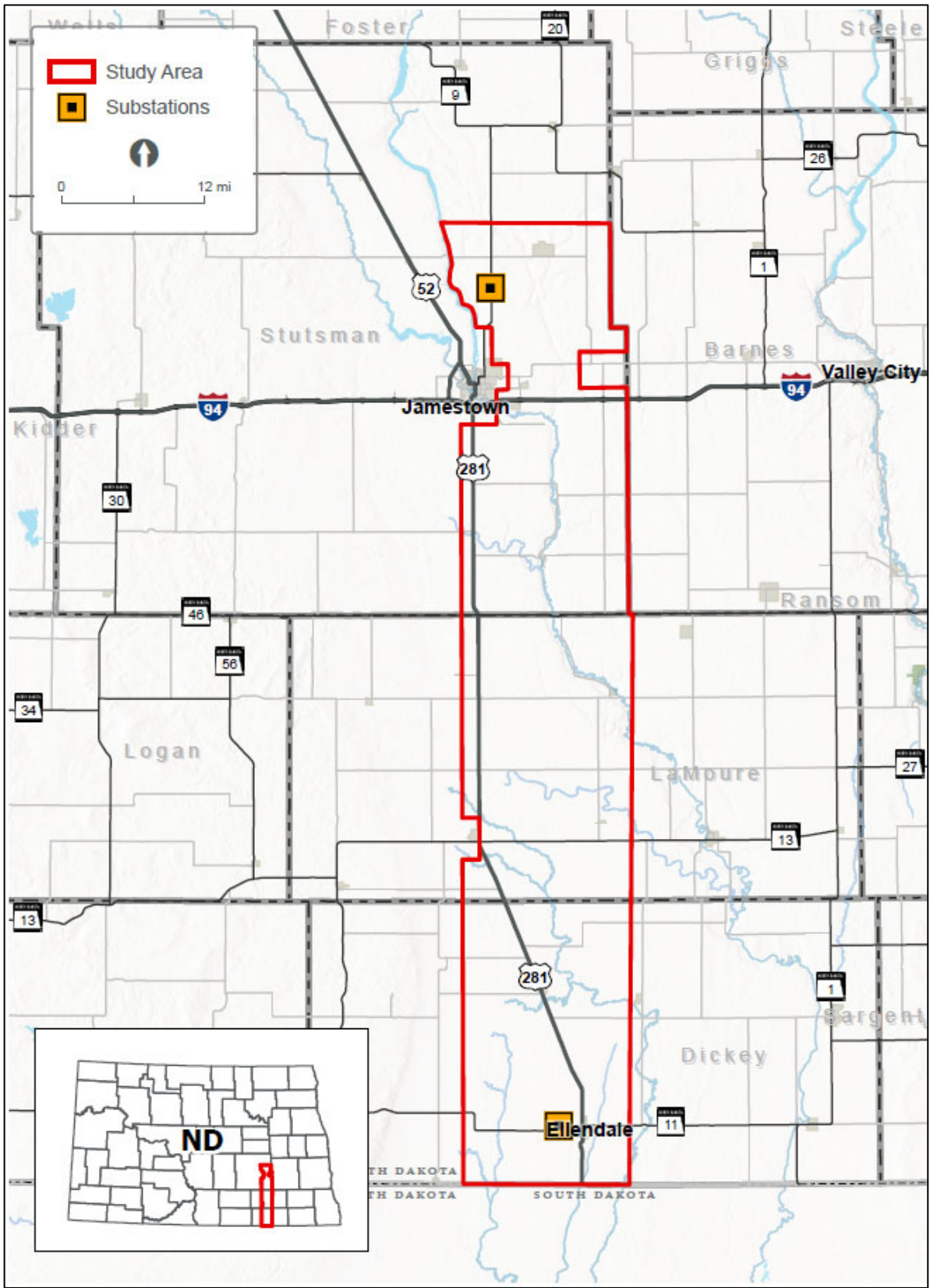
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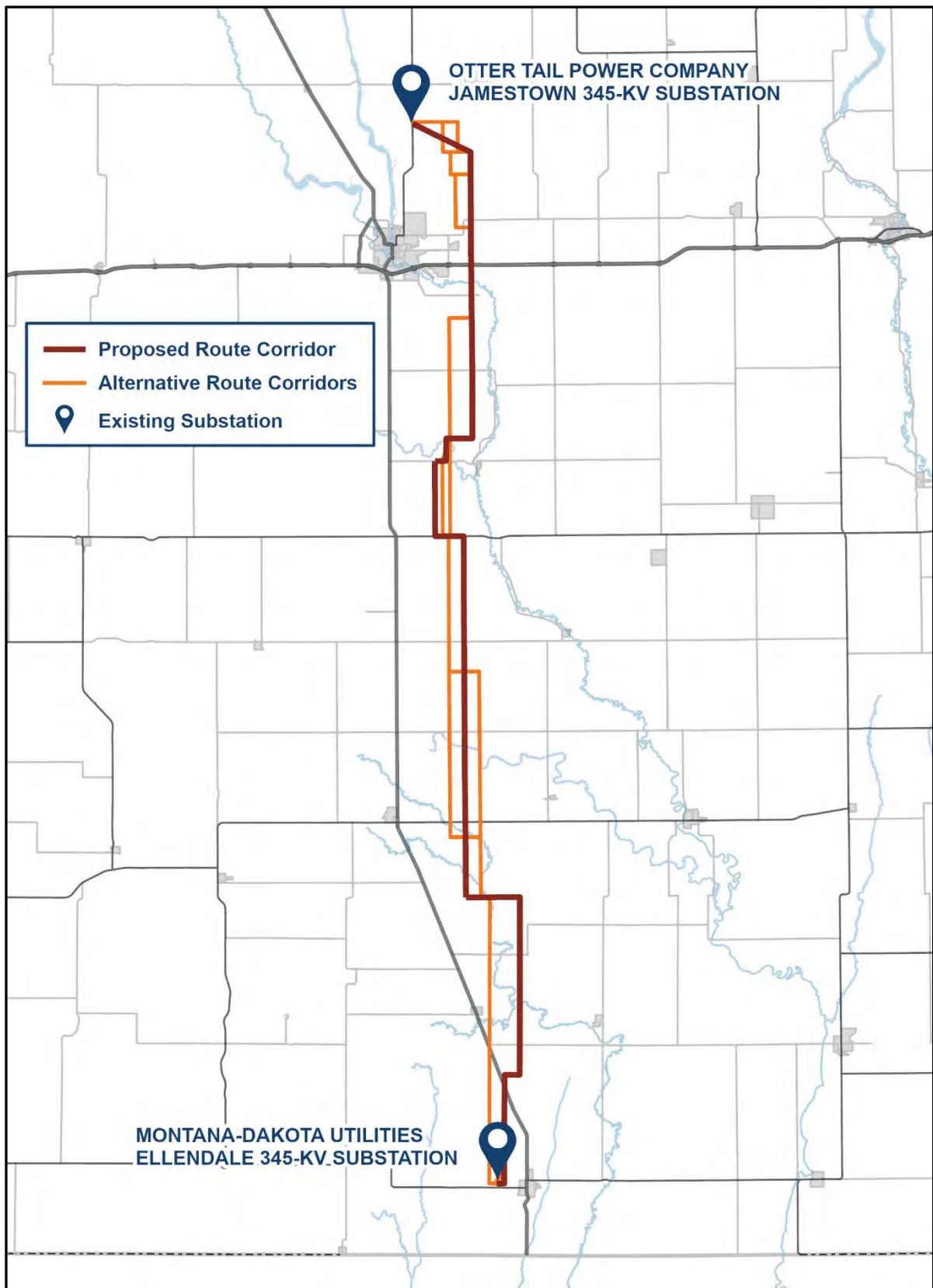
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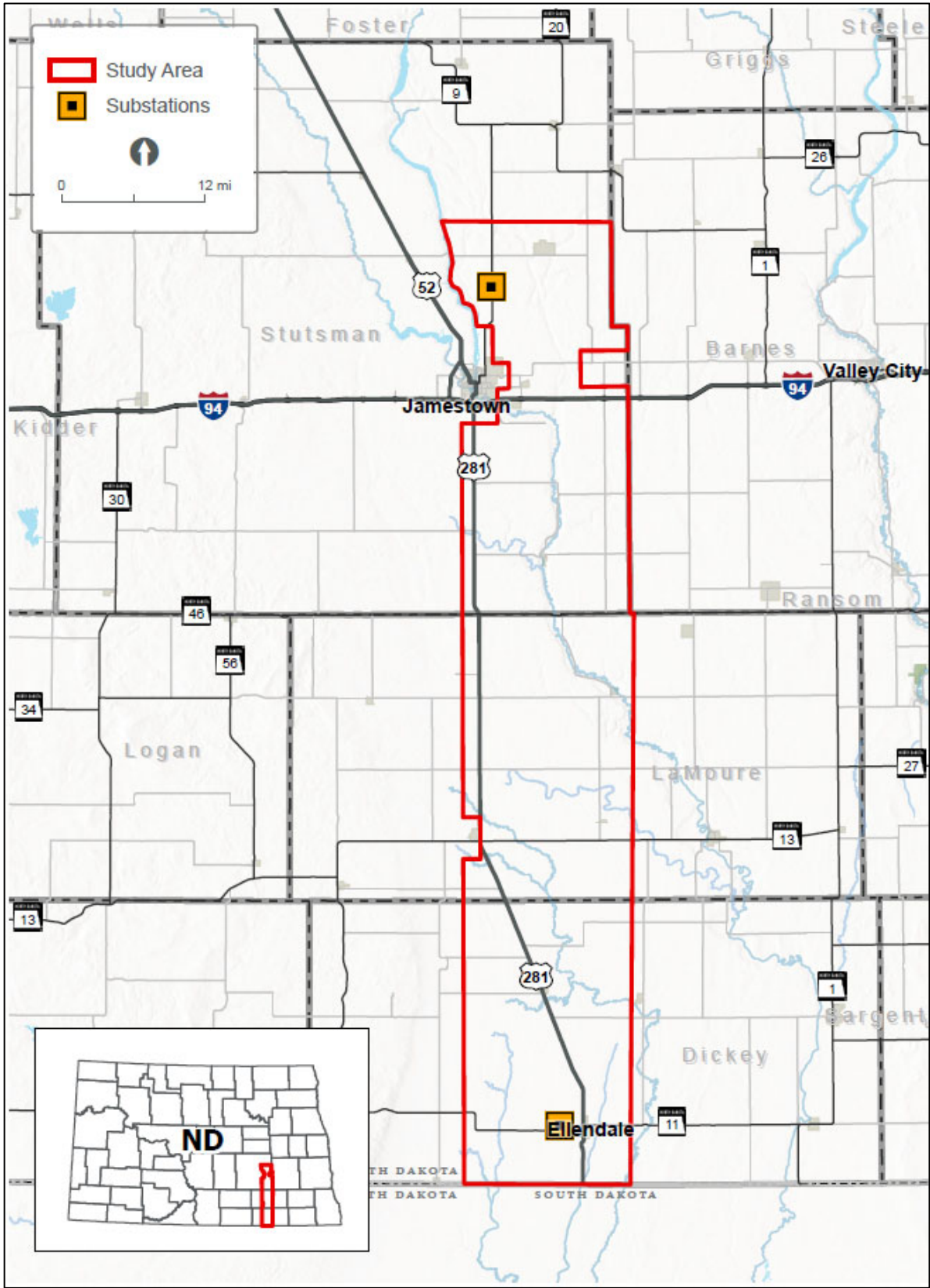
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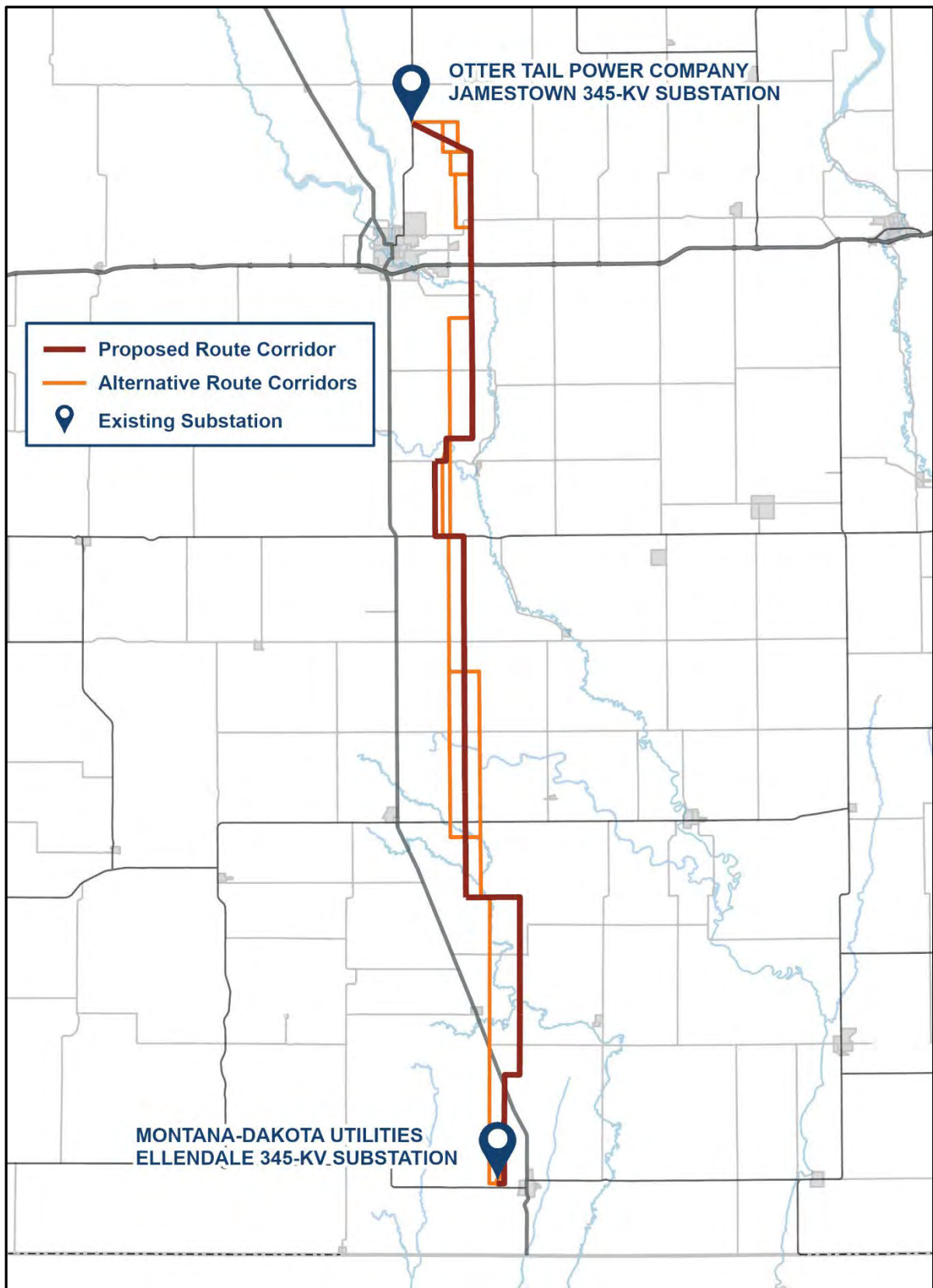
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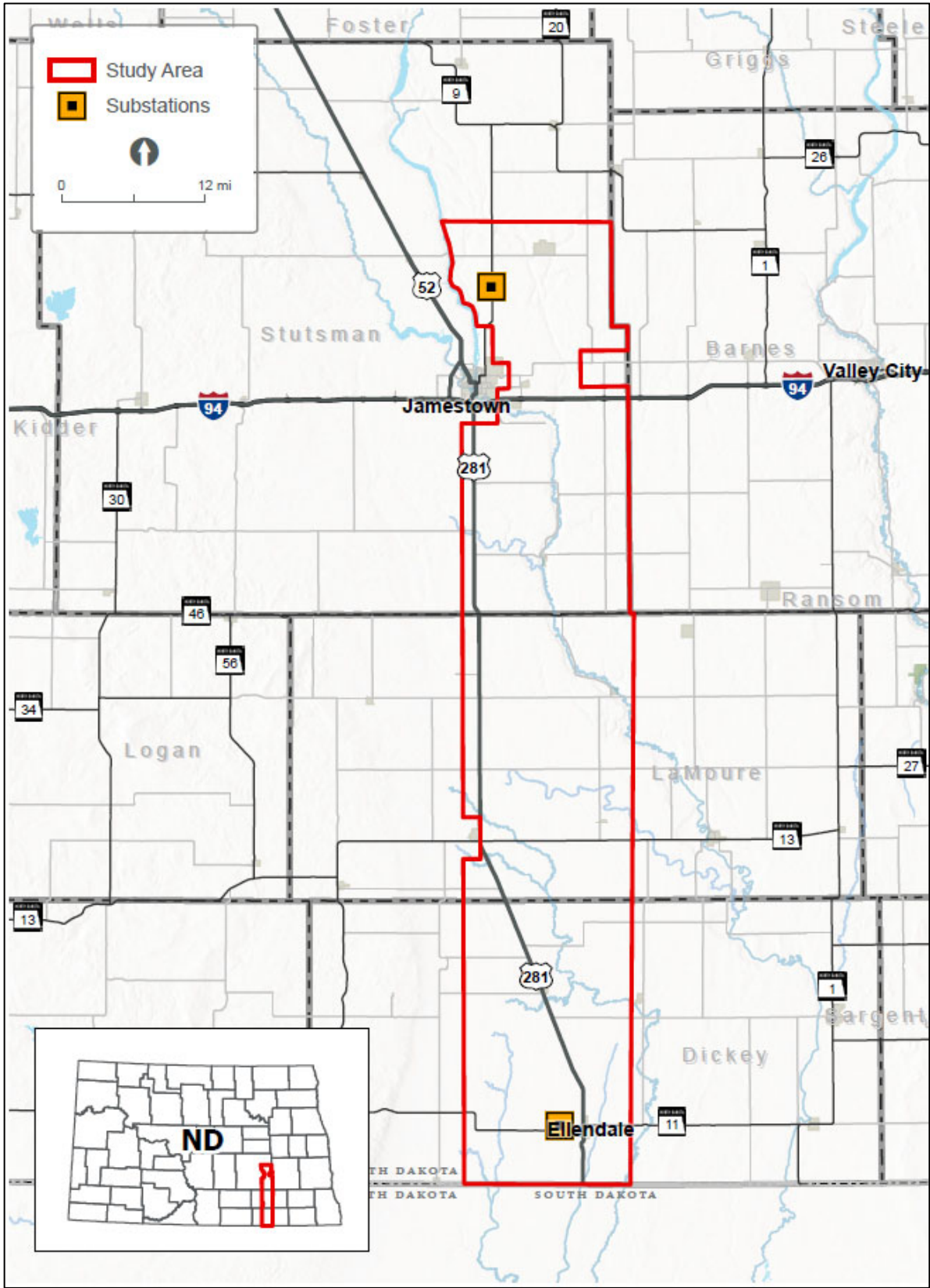
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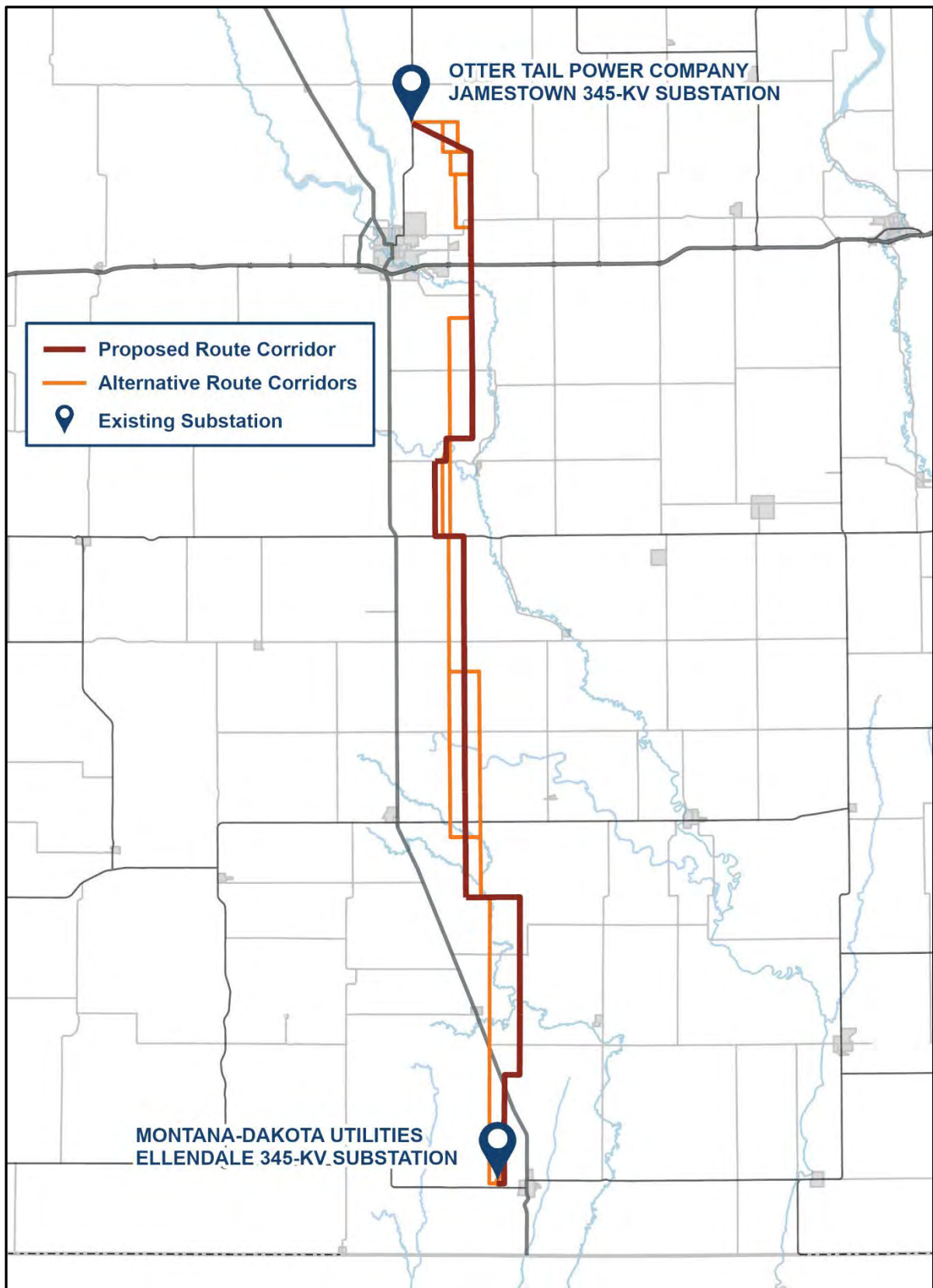
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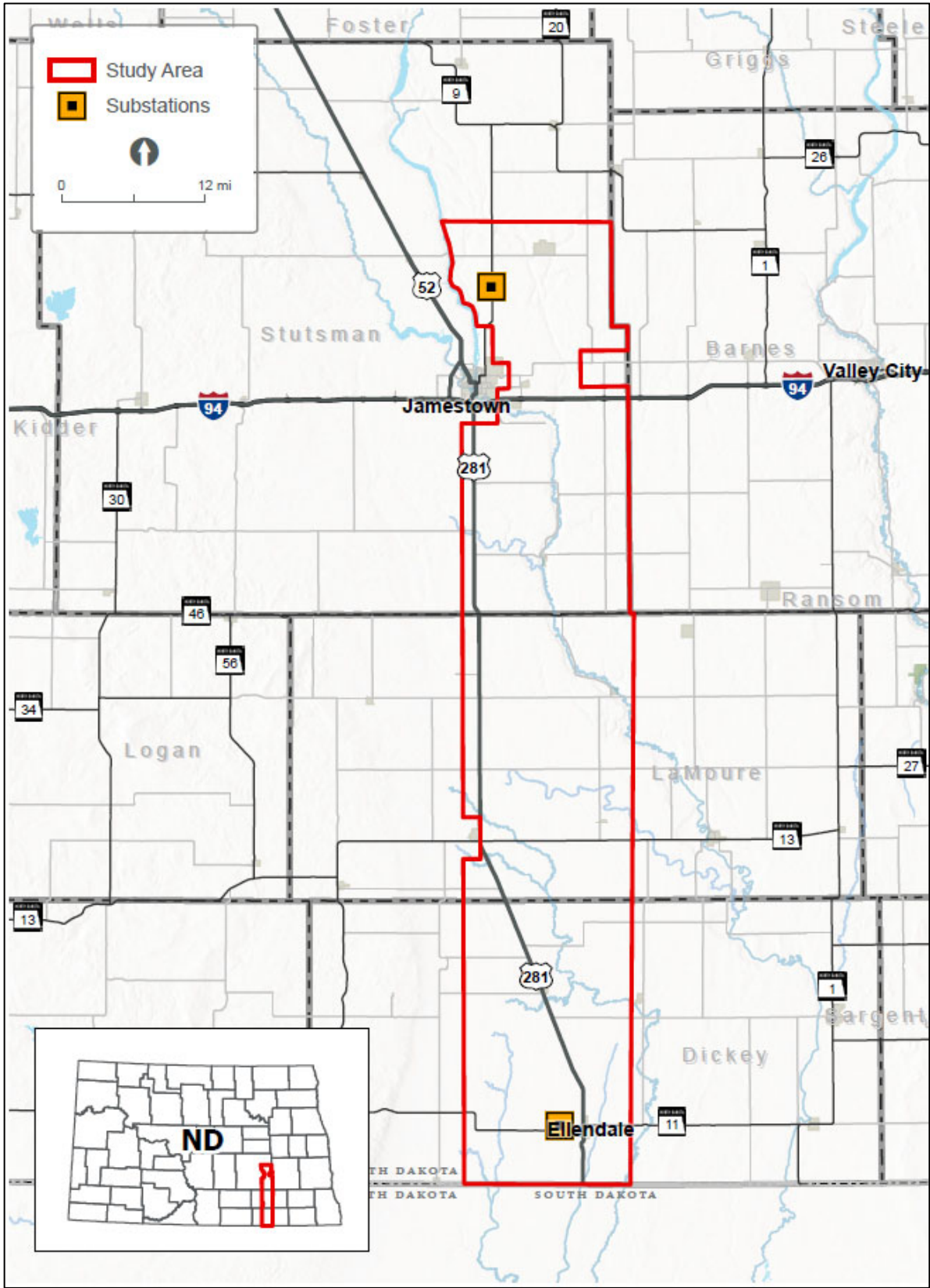
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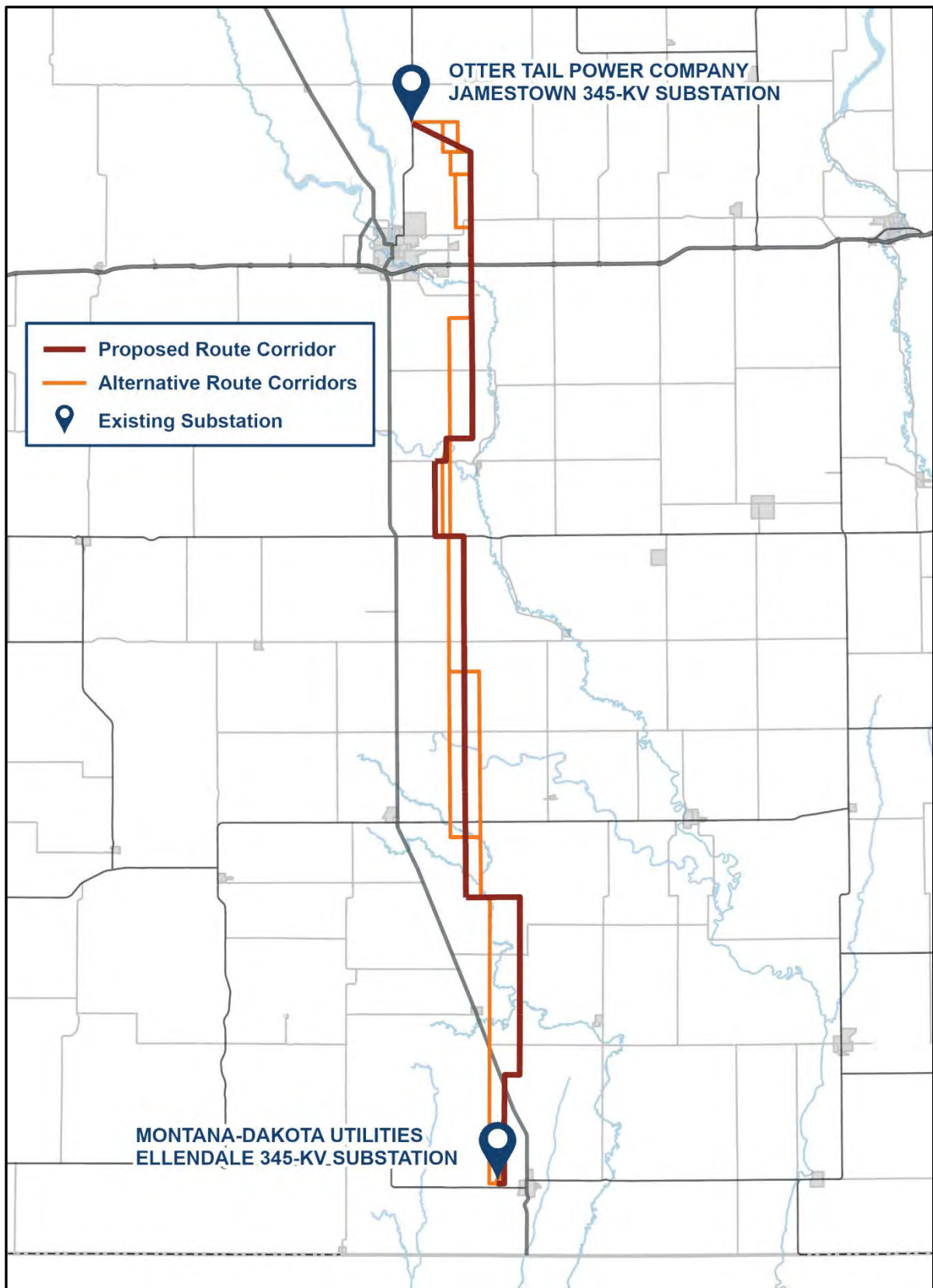
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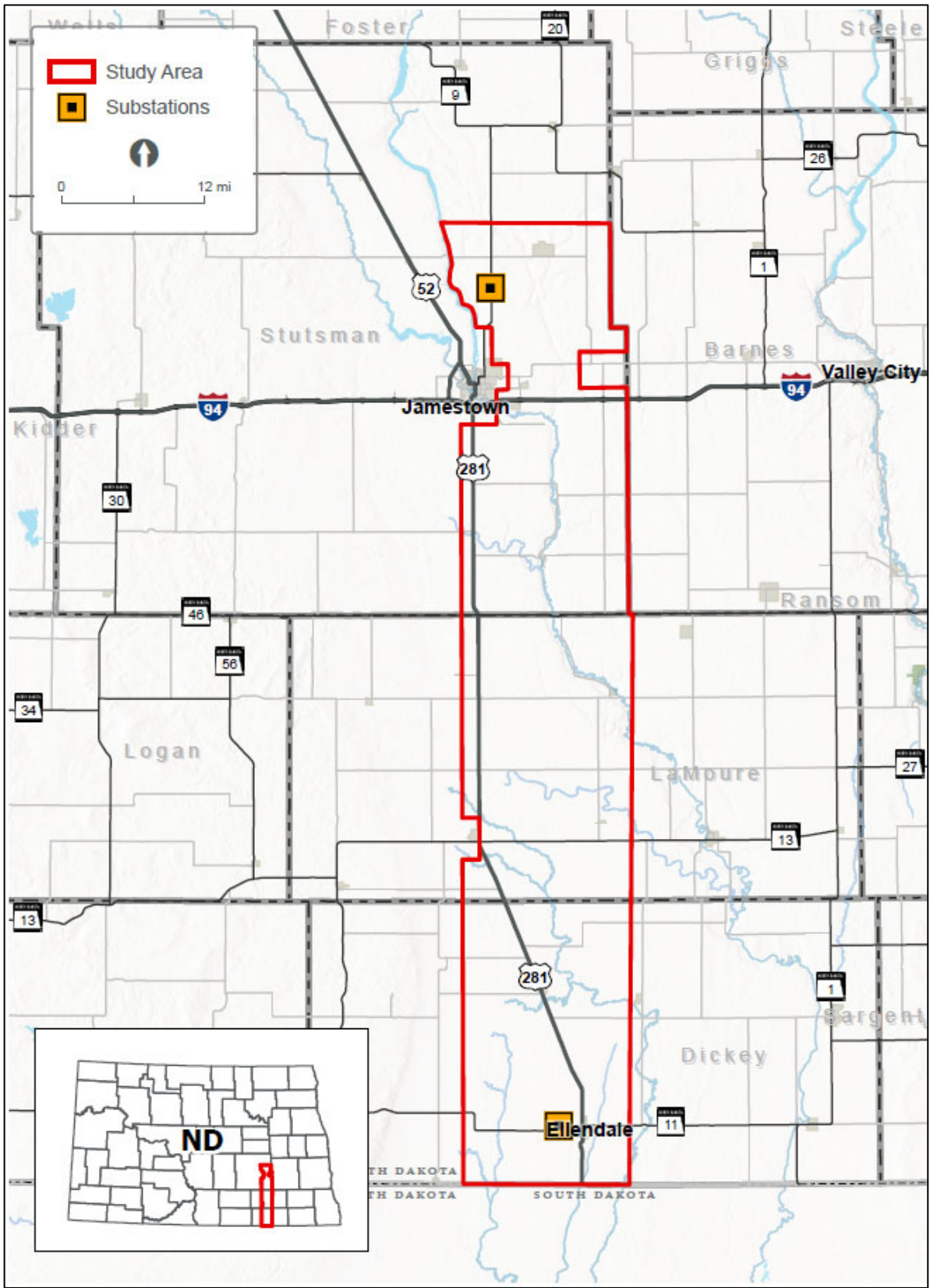
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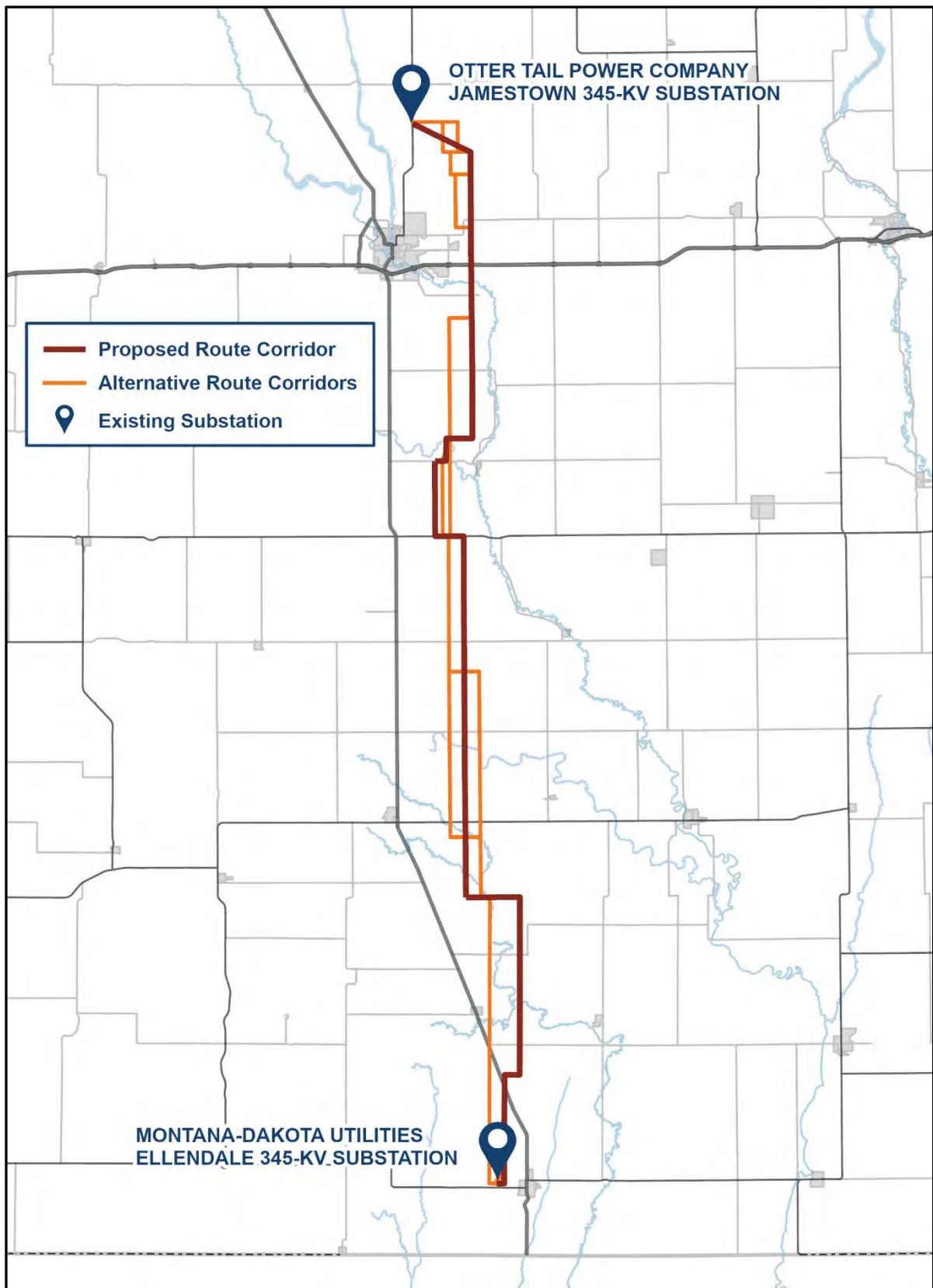
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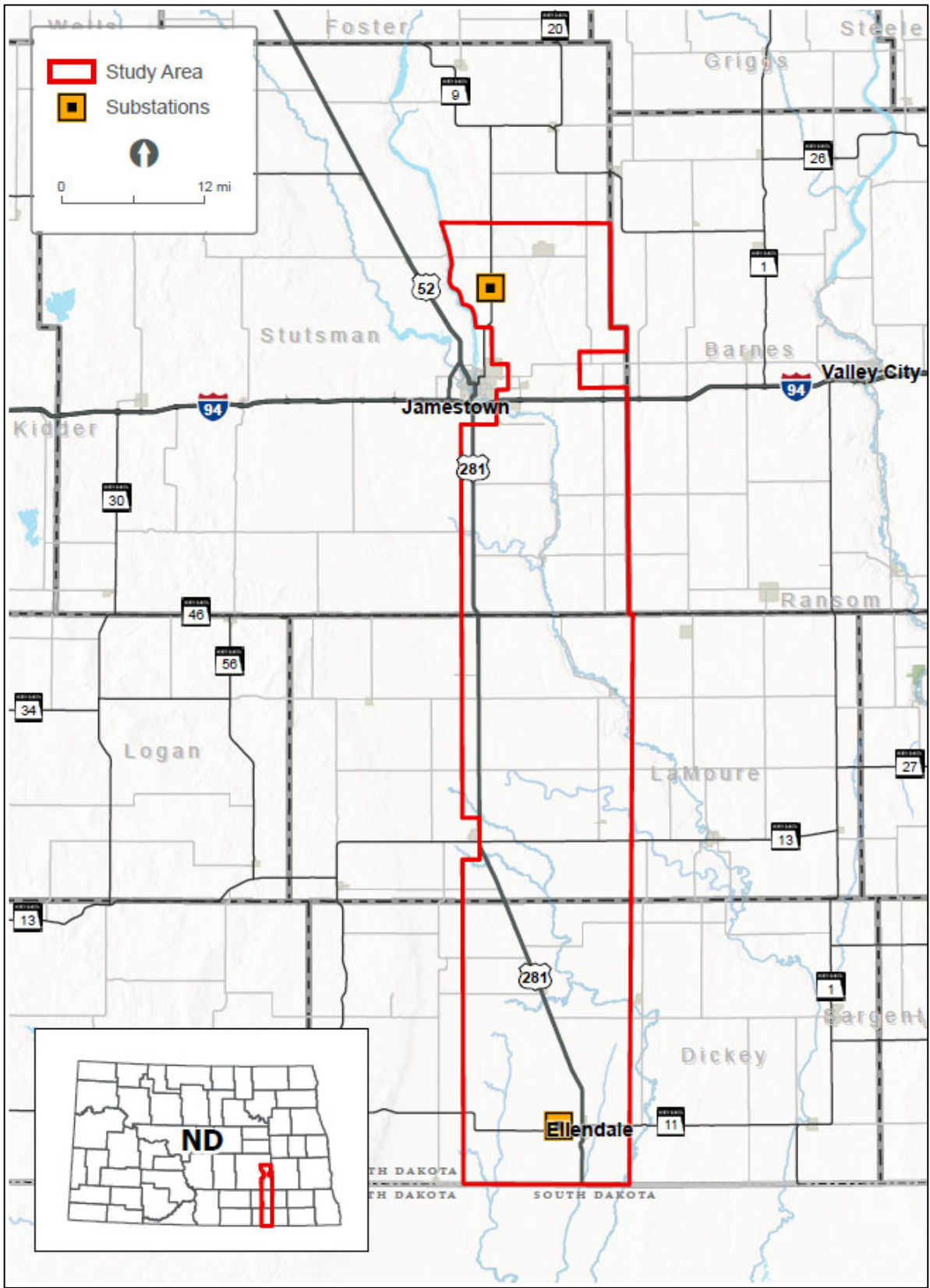
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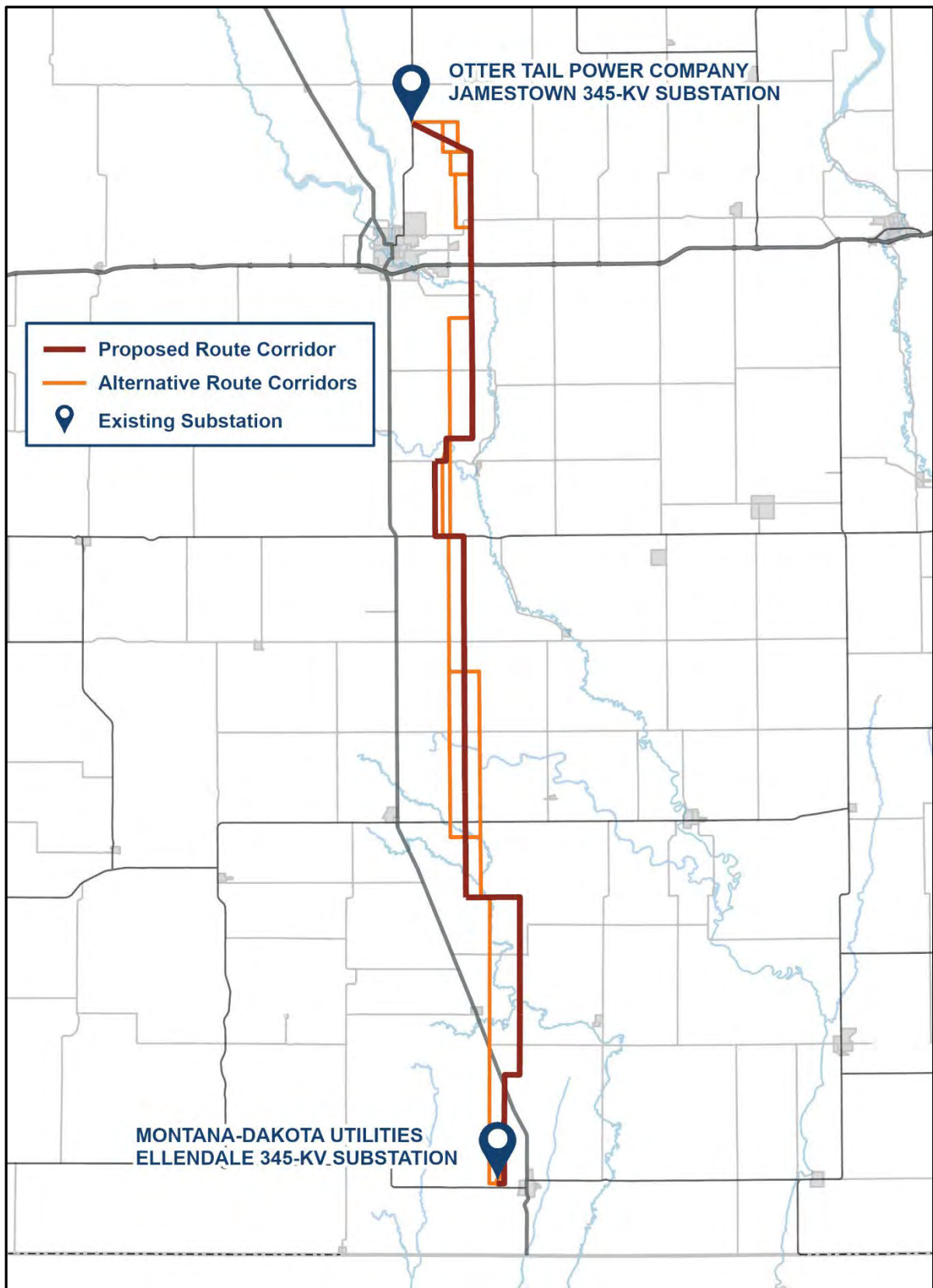
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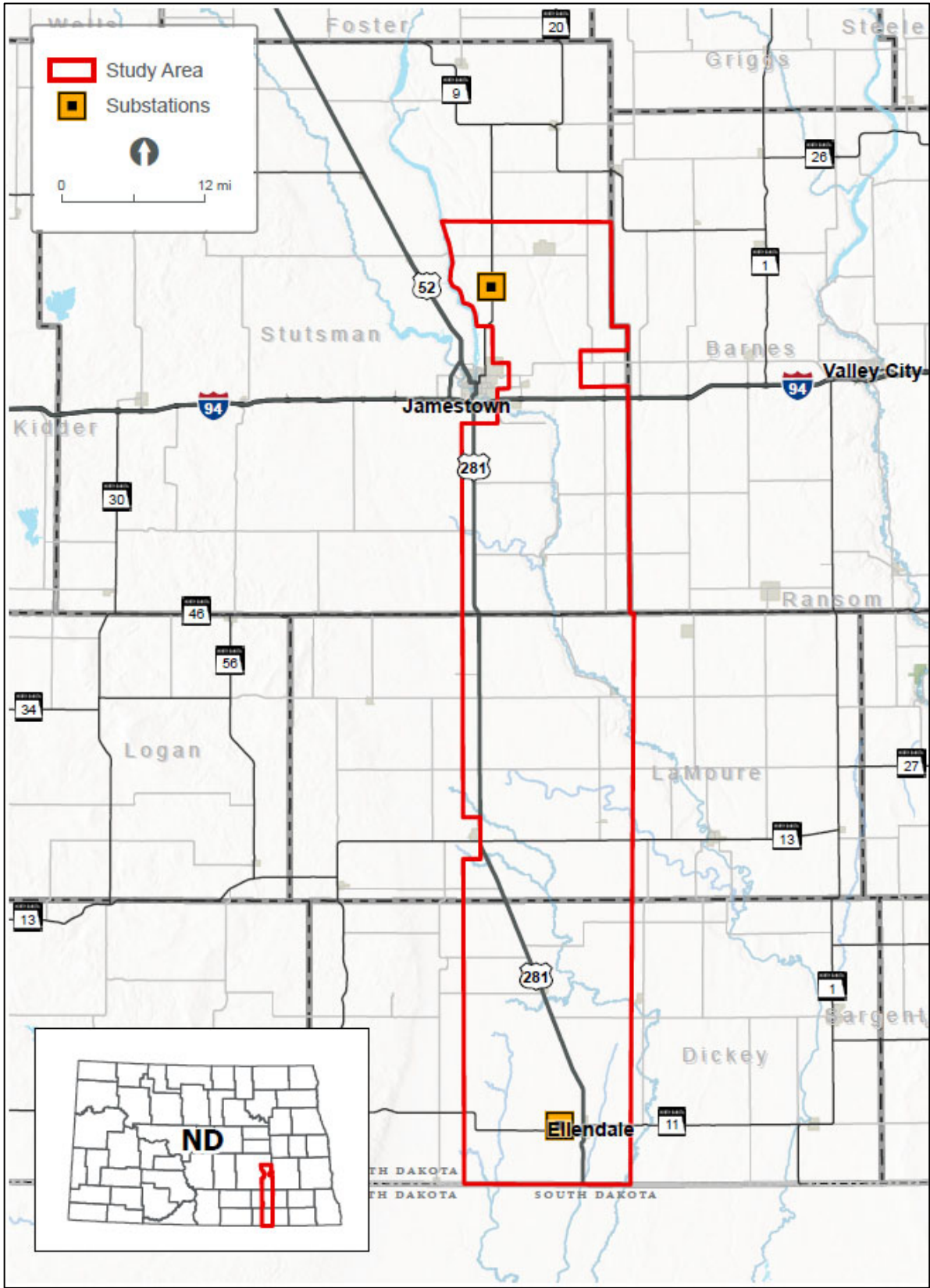
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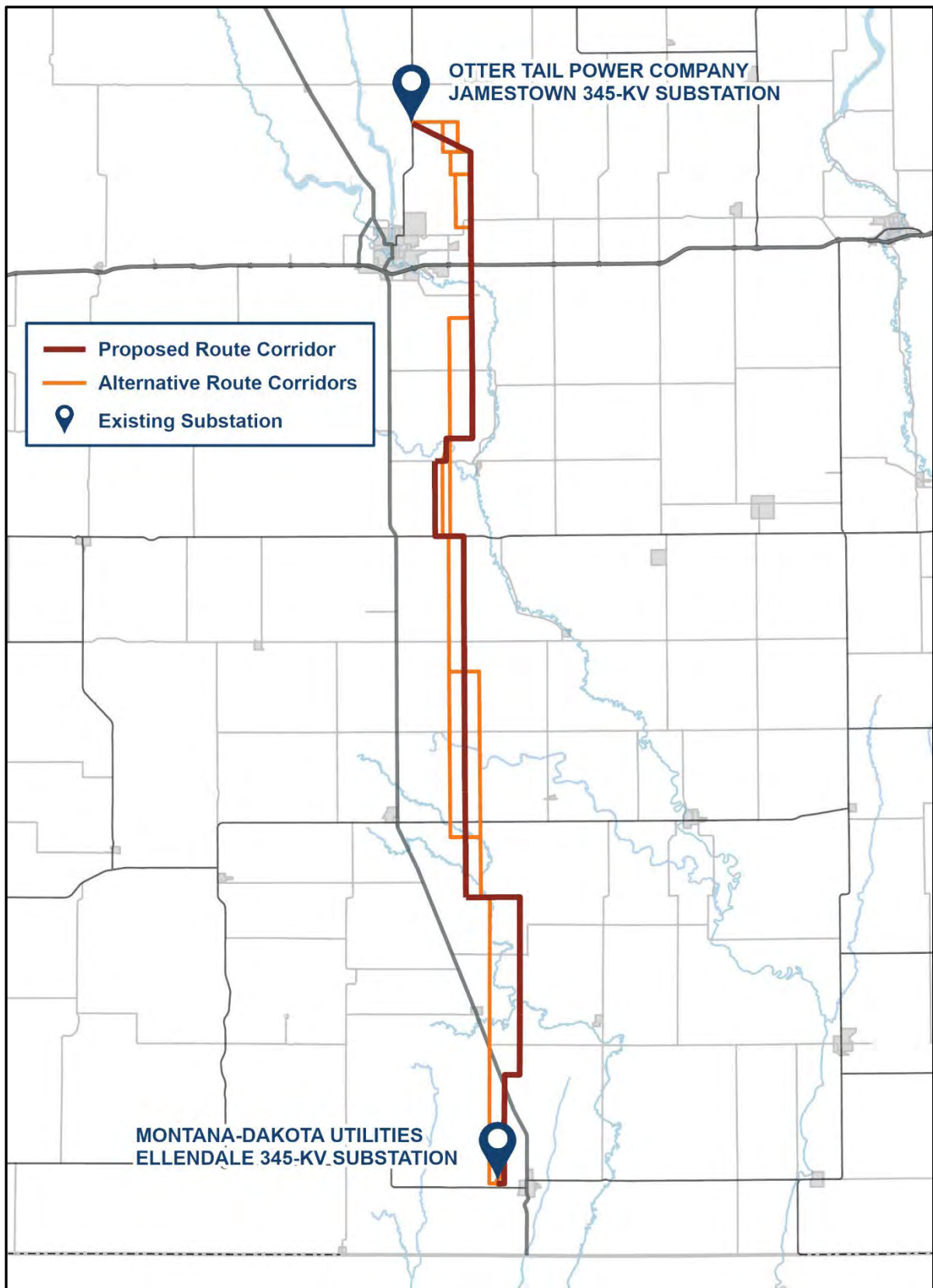
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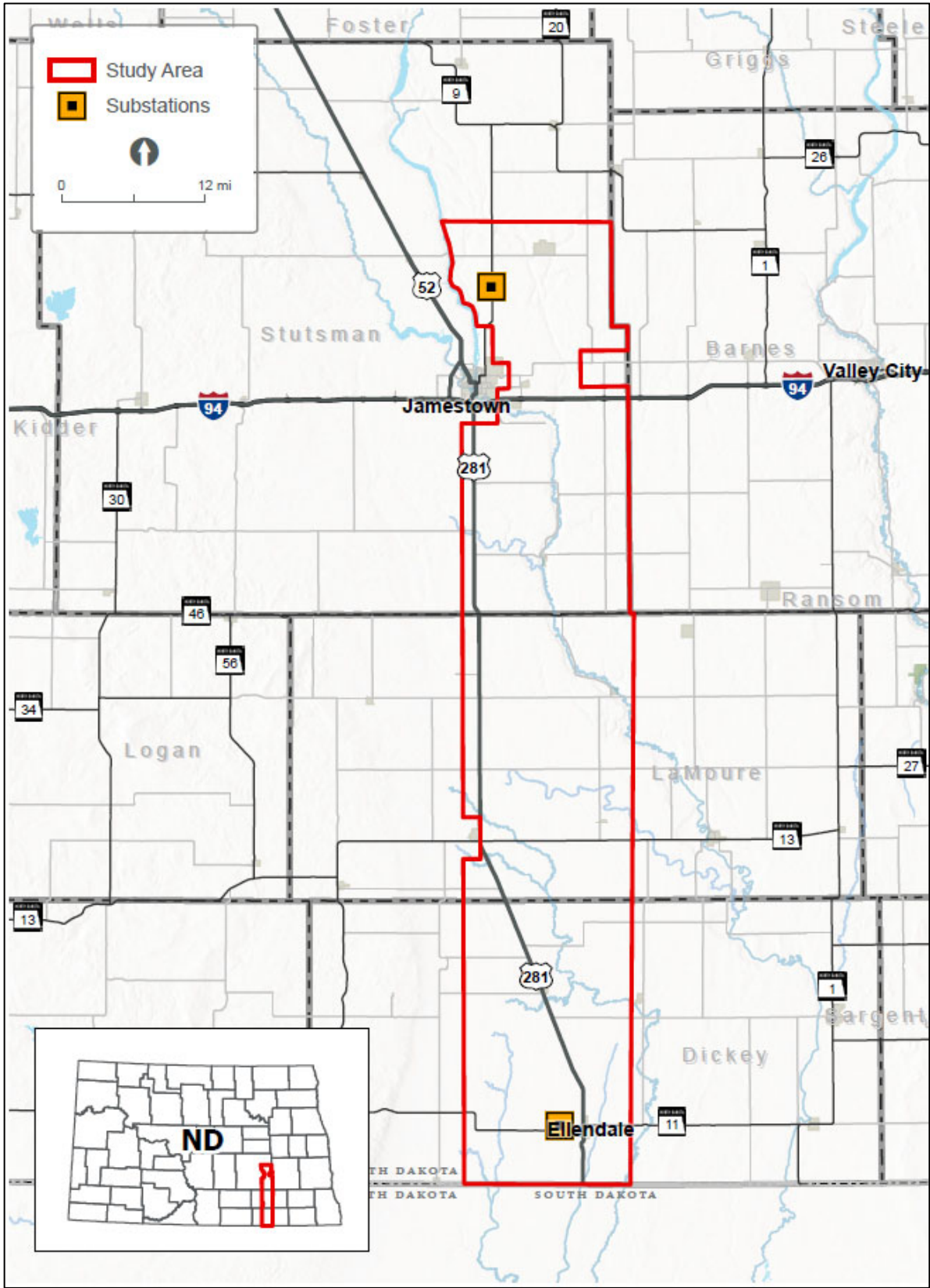
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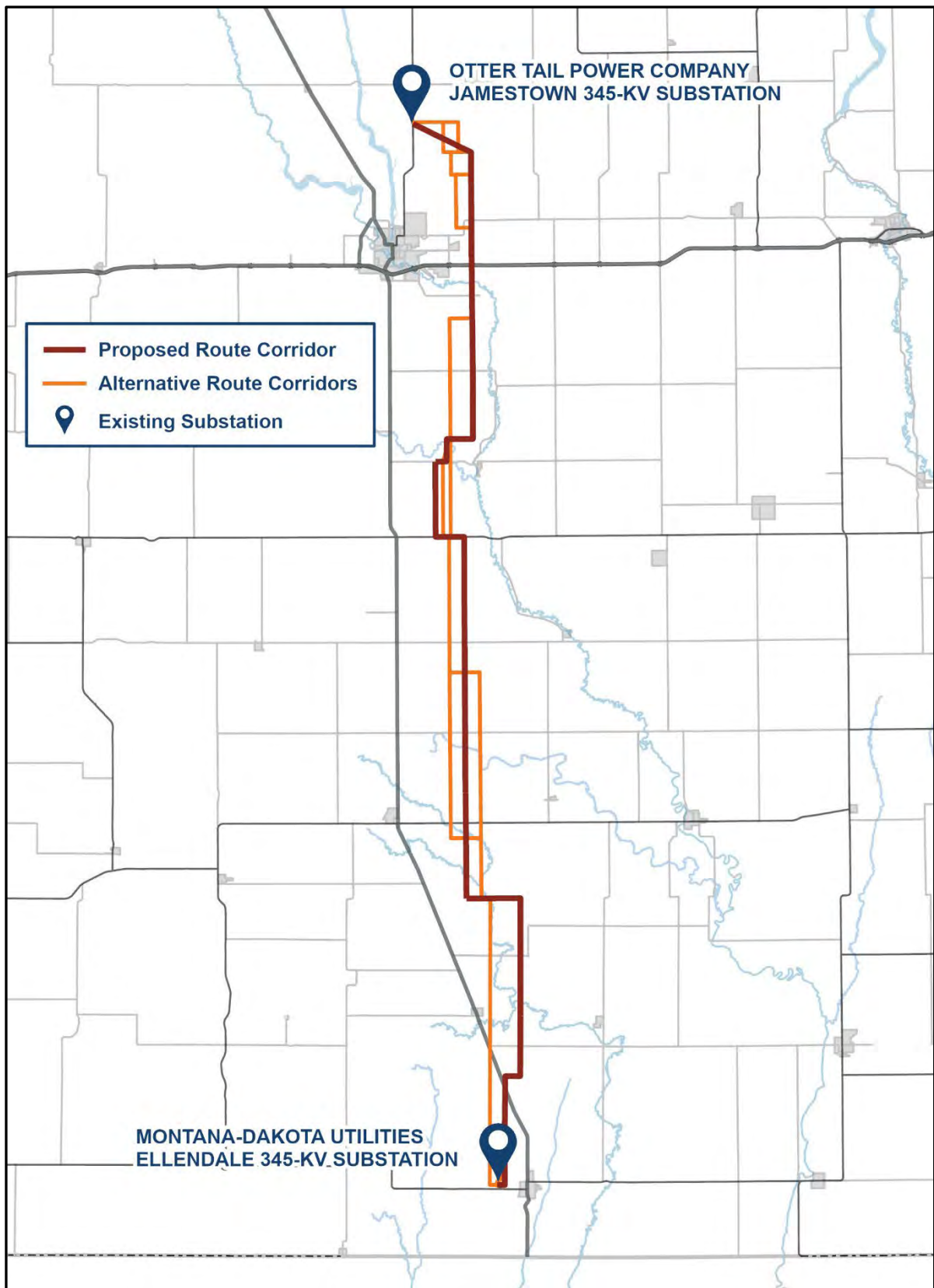
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Billi Jo Warcken
Clerk of Courts, LaMoure County
PO Box 128
LaMoure , ND 58458

Re: Request for Input and Meetings for the Otter Tail Power Company and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. proposed Jamestown to Ellendale 345-kV transmission line project

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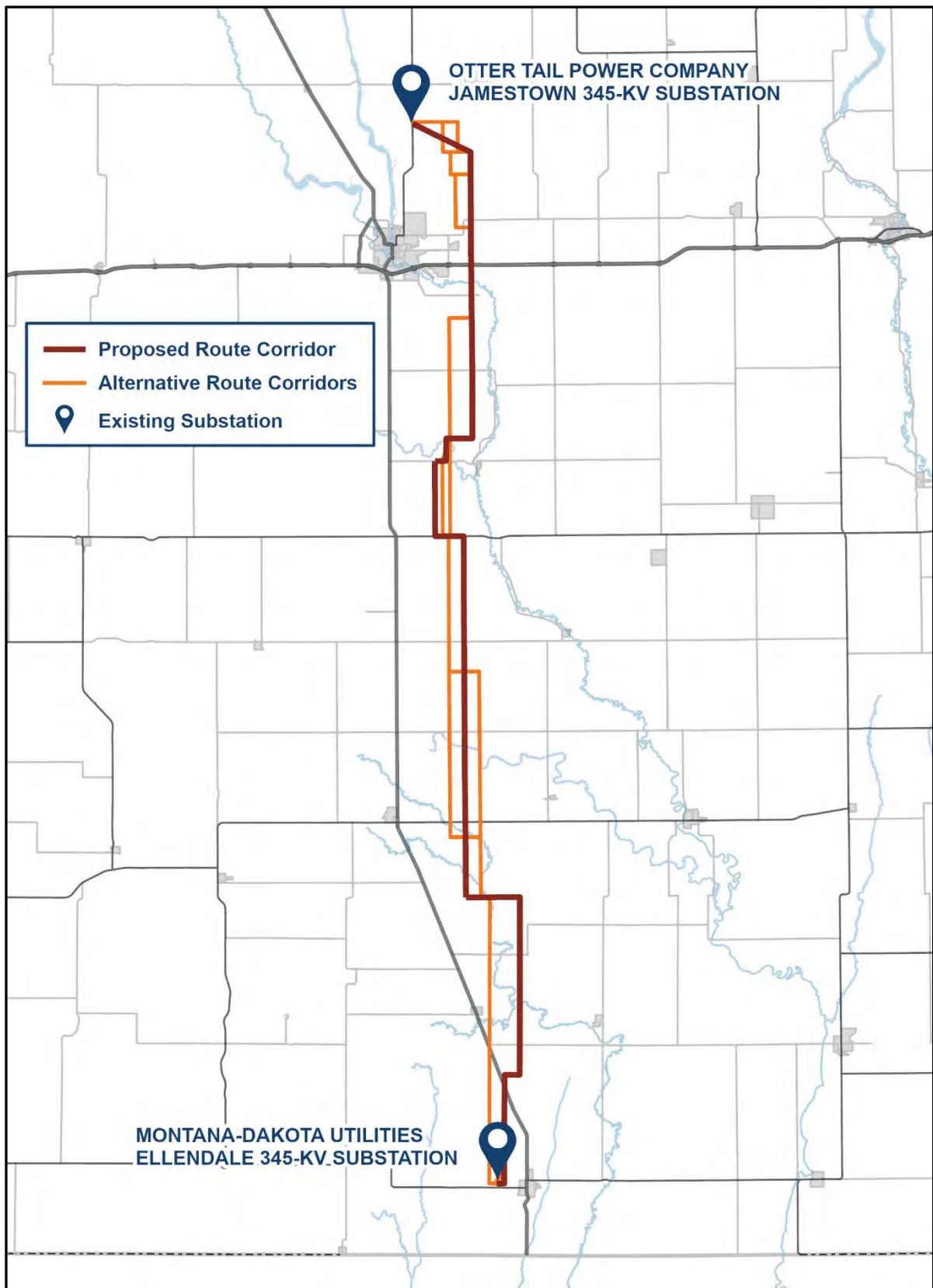
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County Commission - 1st District, LaMoure County
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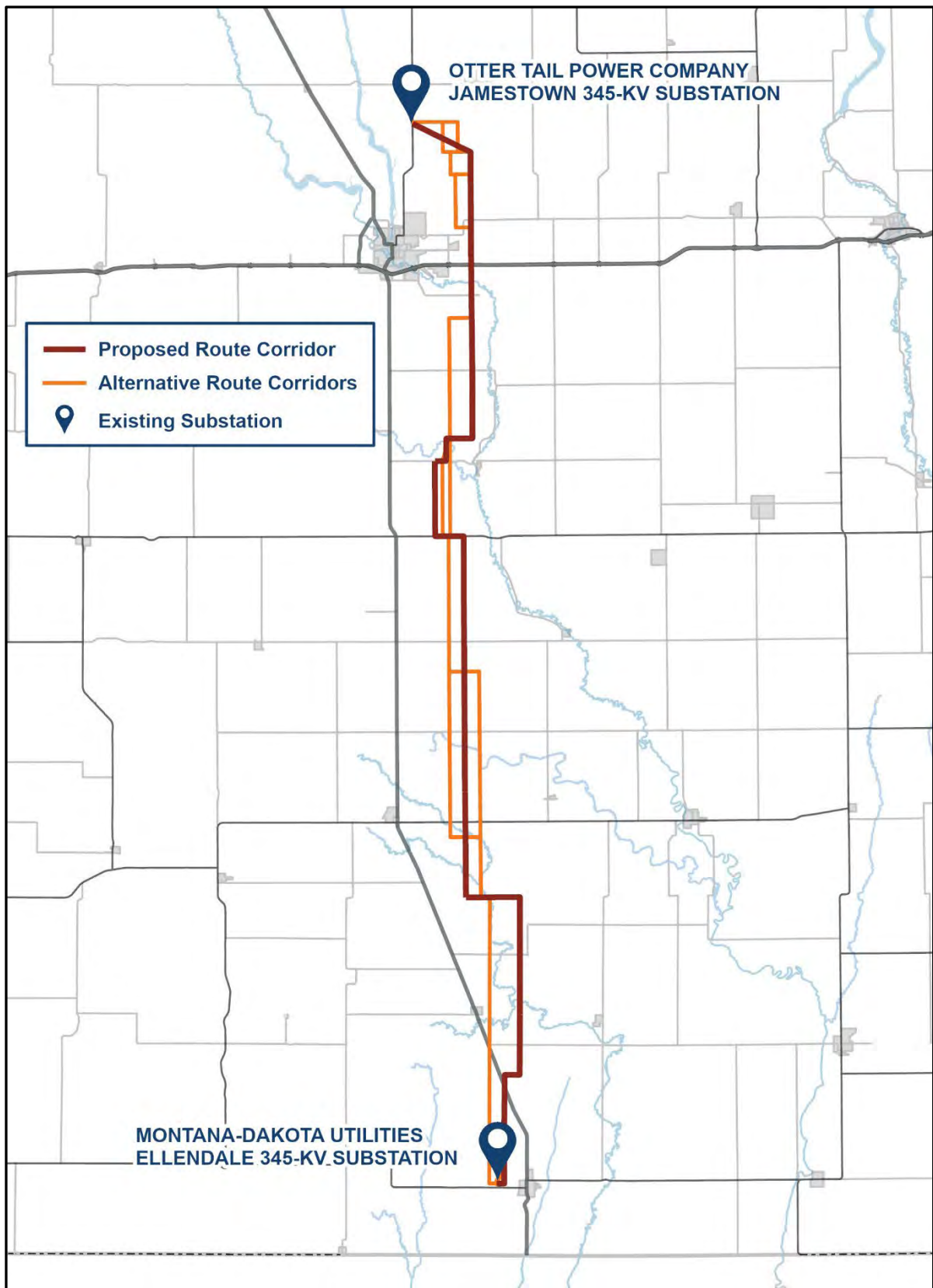
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County Commission - 2nd District (PIO), LaMoure County
PO Box 128
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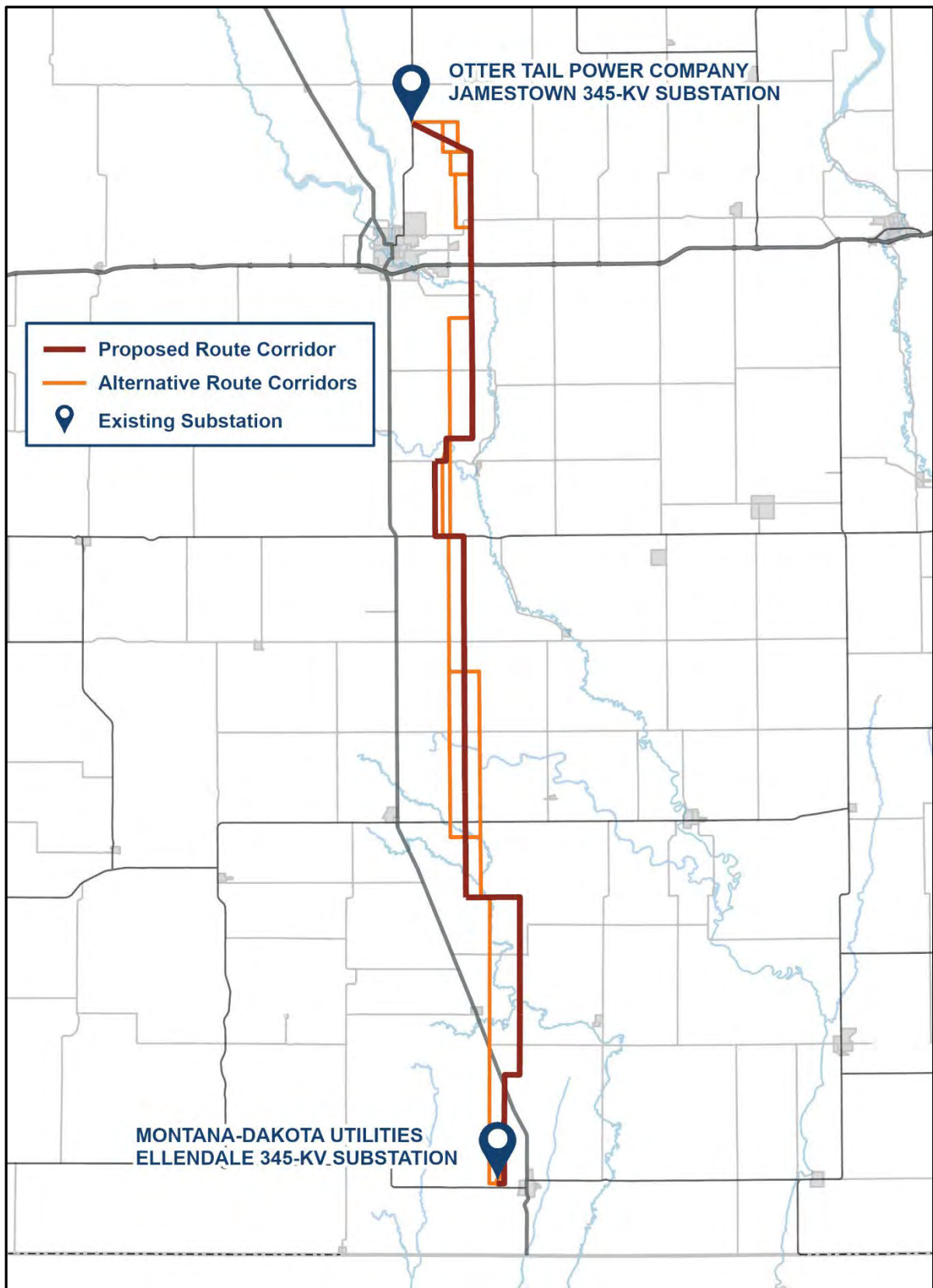
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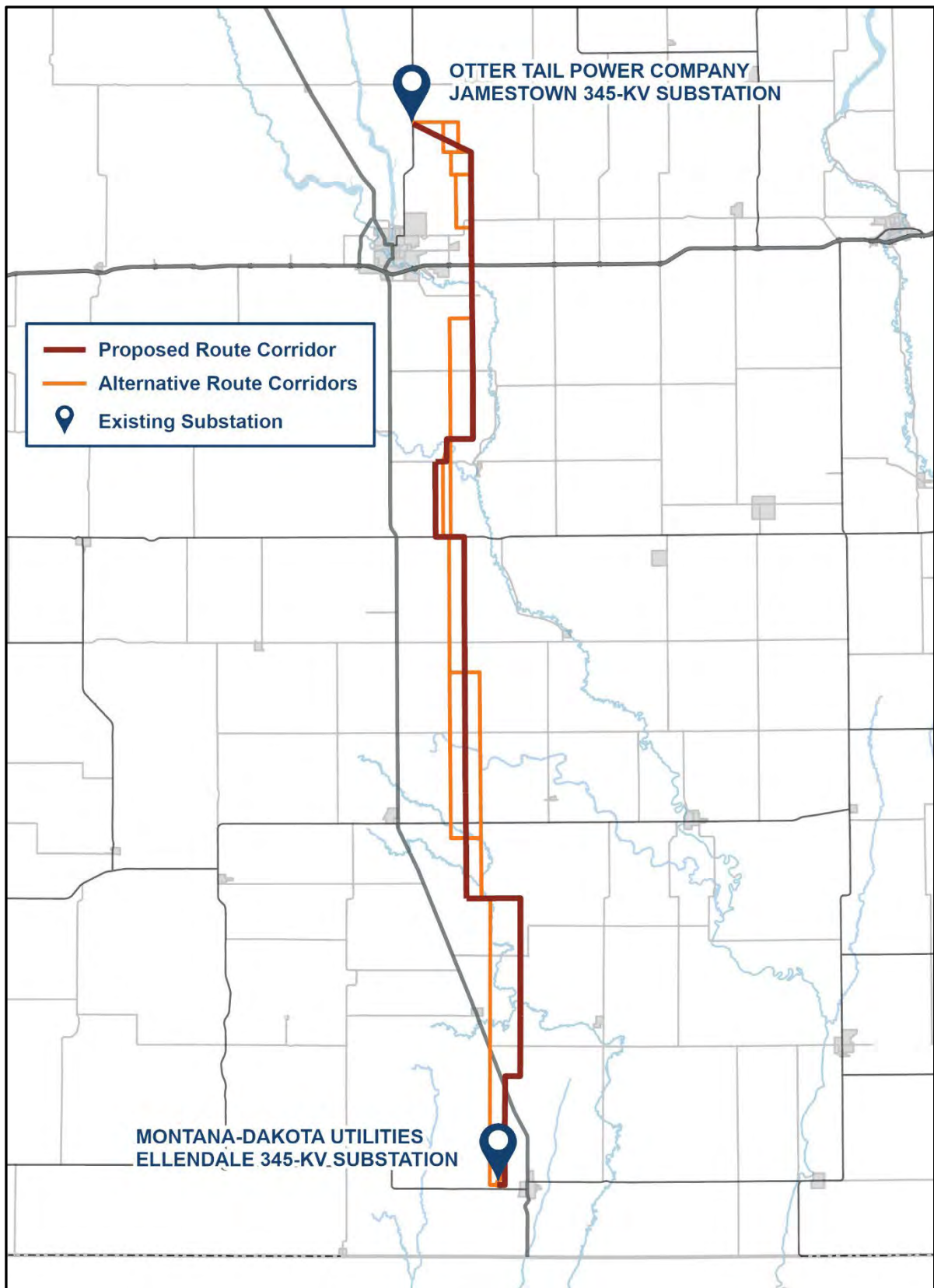
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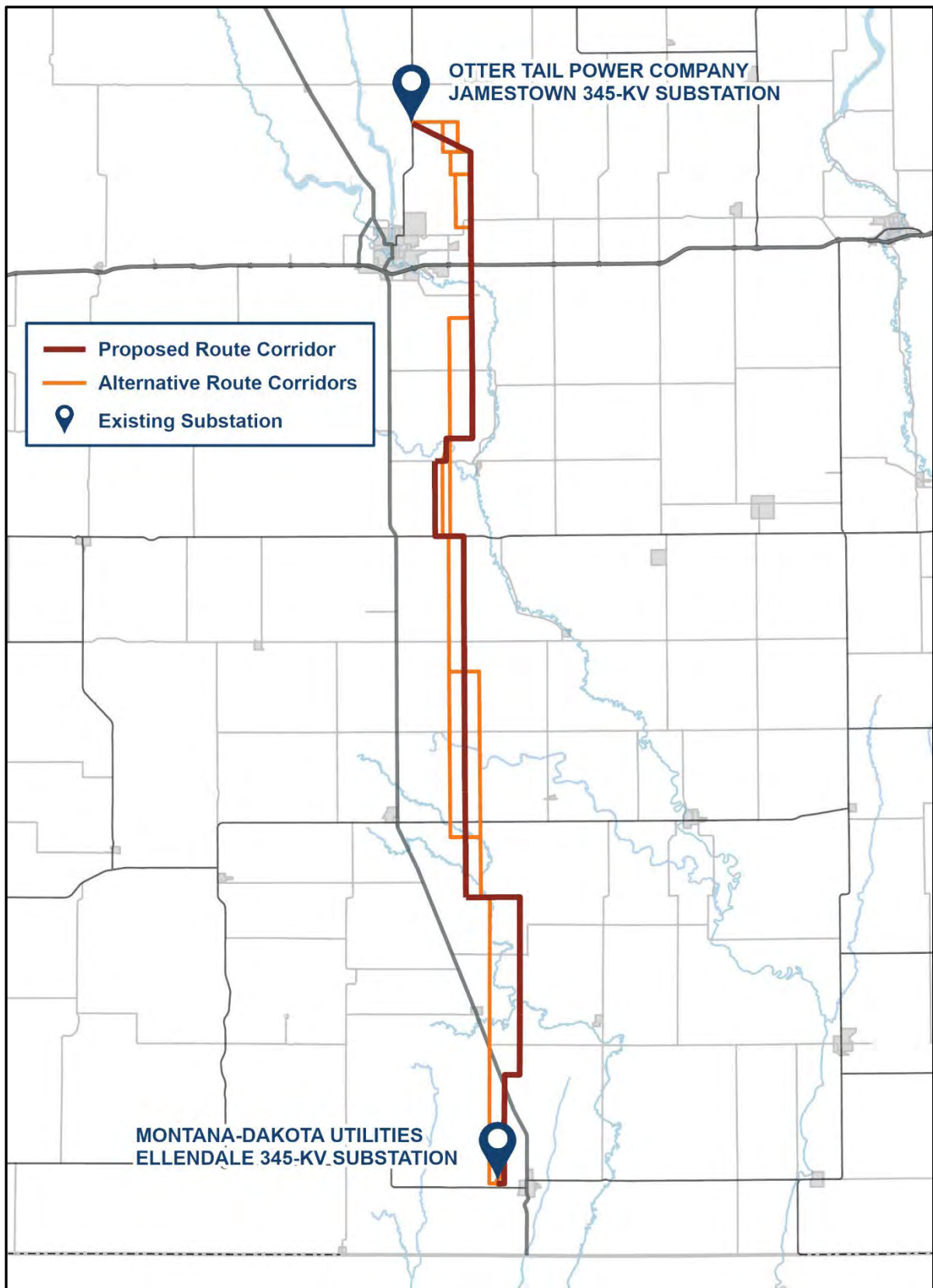
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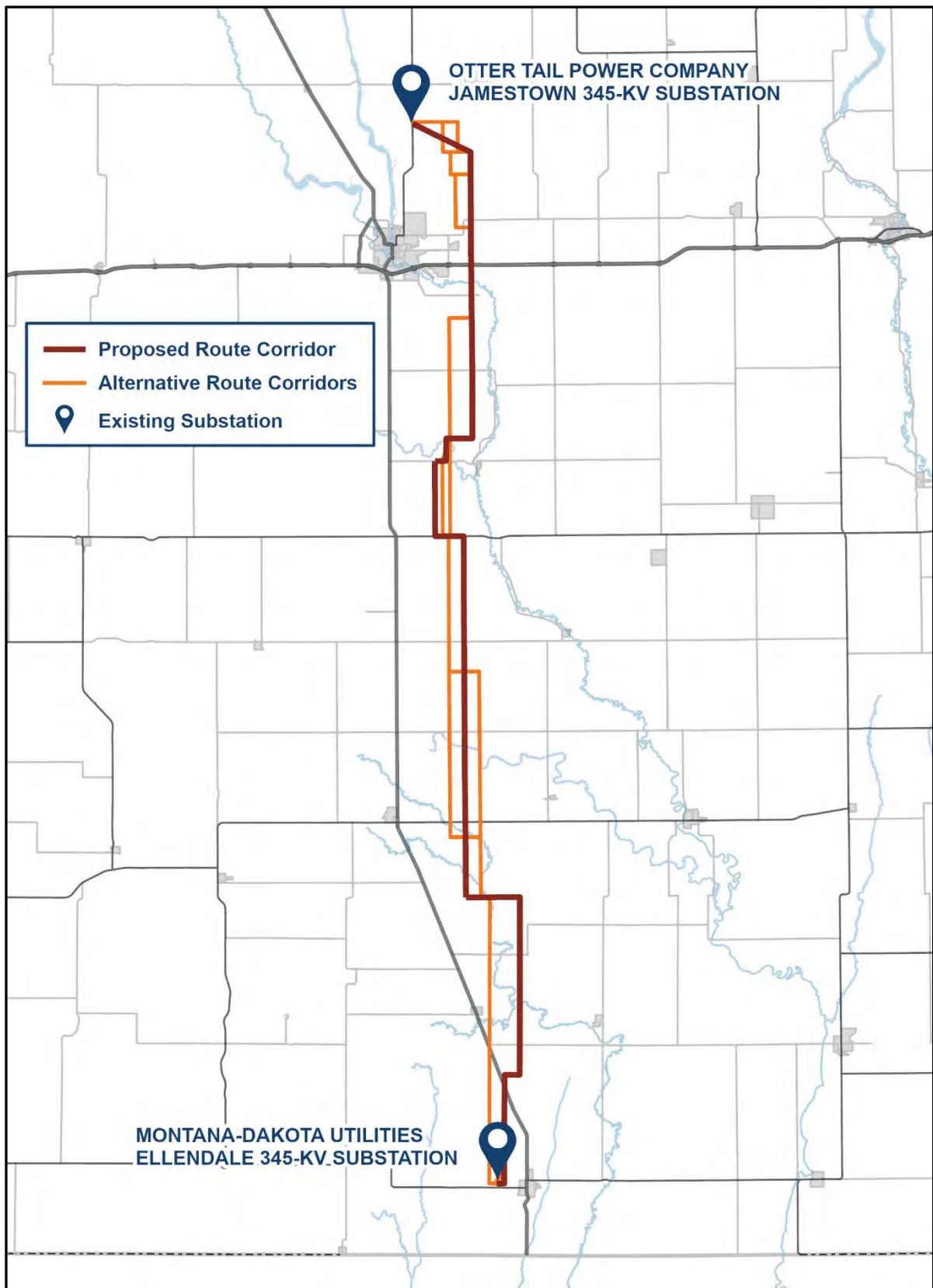
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March 22, 2023

Donald Schrader
Chairman
Adrian Township
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Adrian, ND 58472

Re: Request for Information for the Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company Proposed Jamestown to Ellendale 345-kV Transmission Line Project (JETx)

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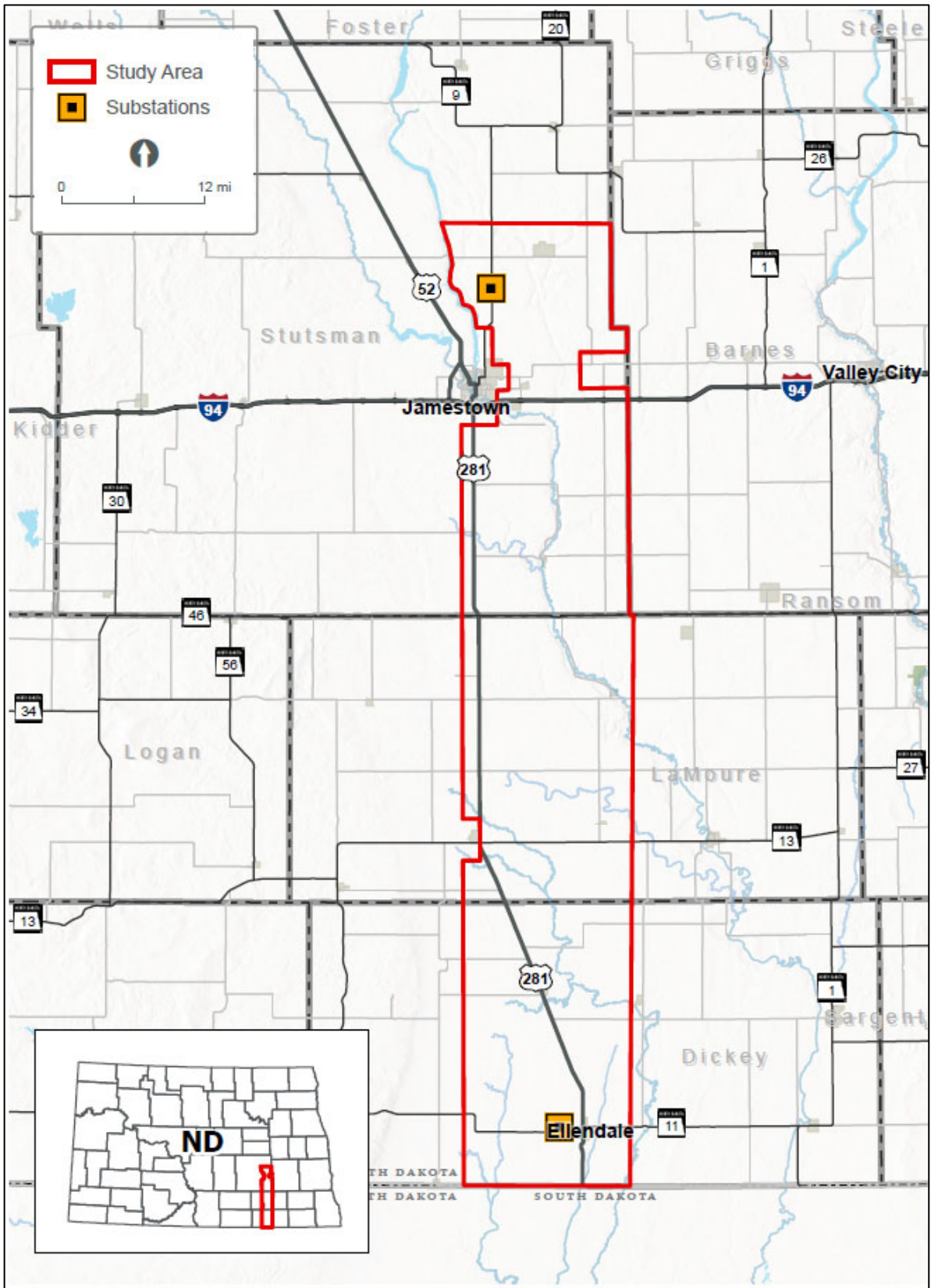
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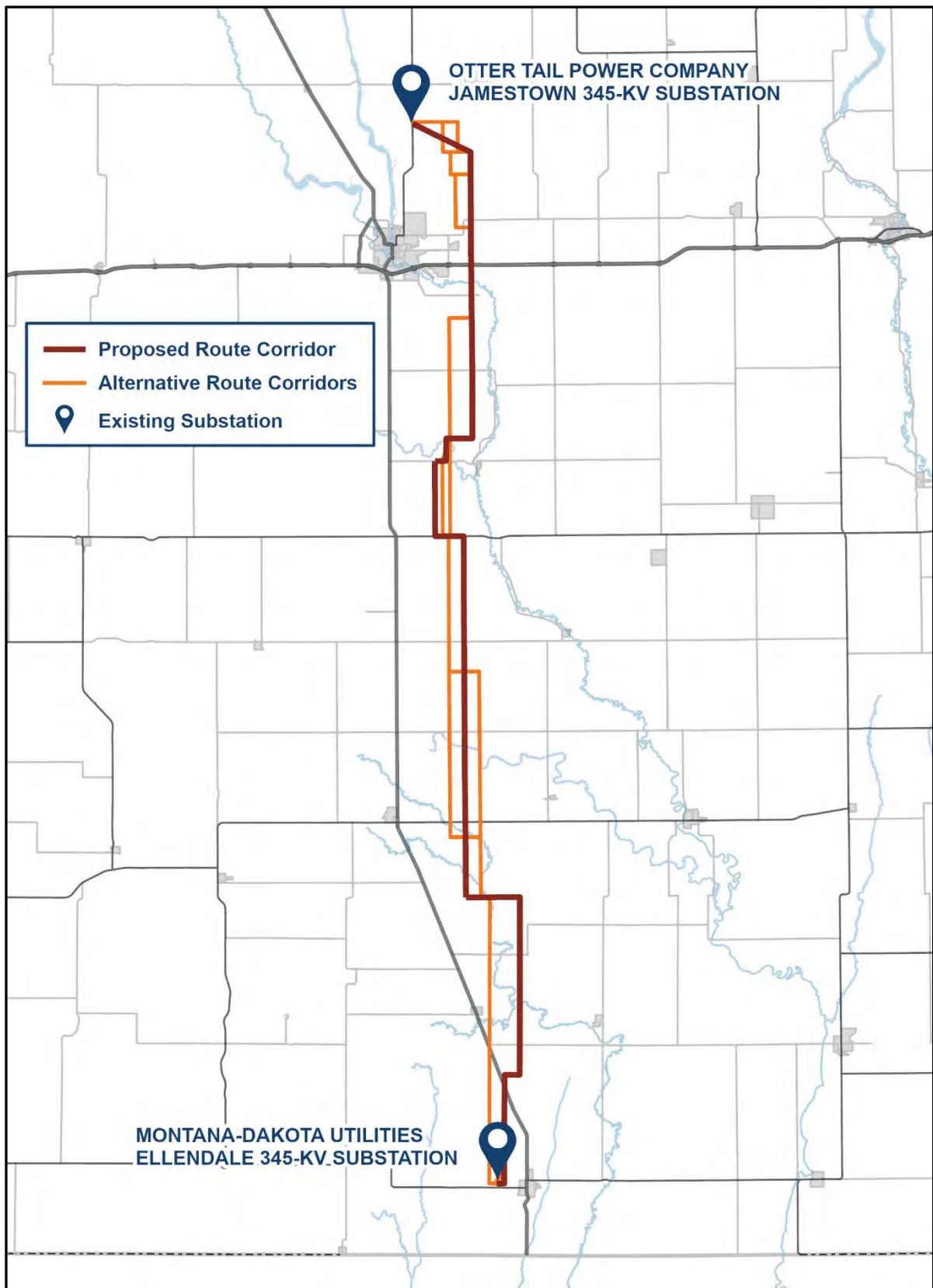
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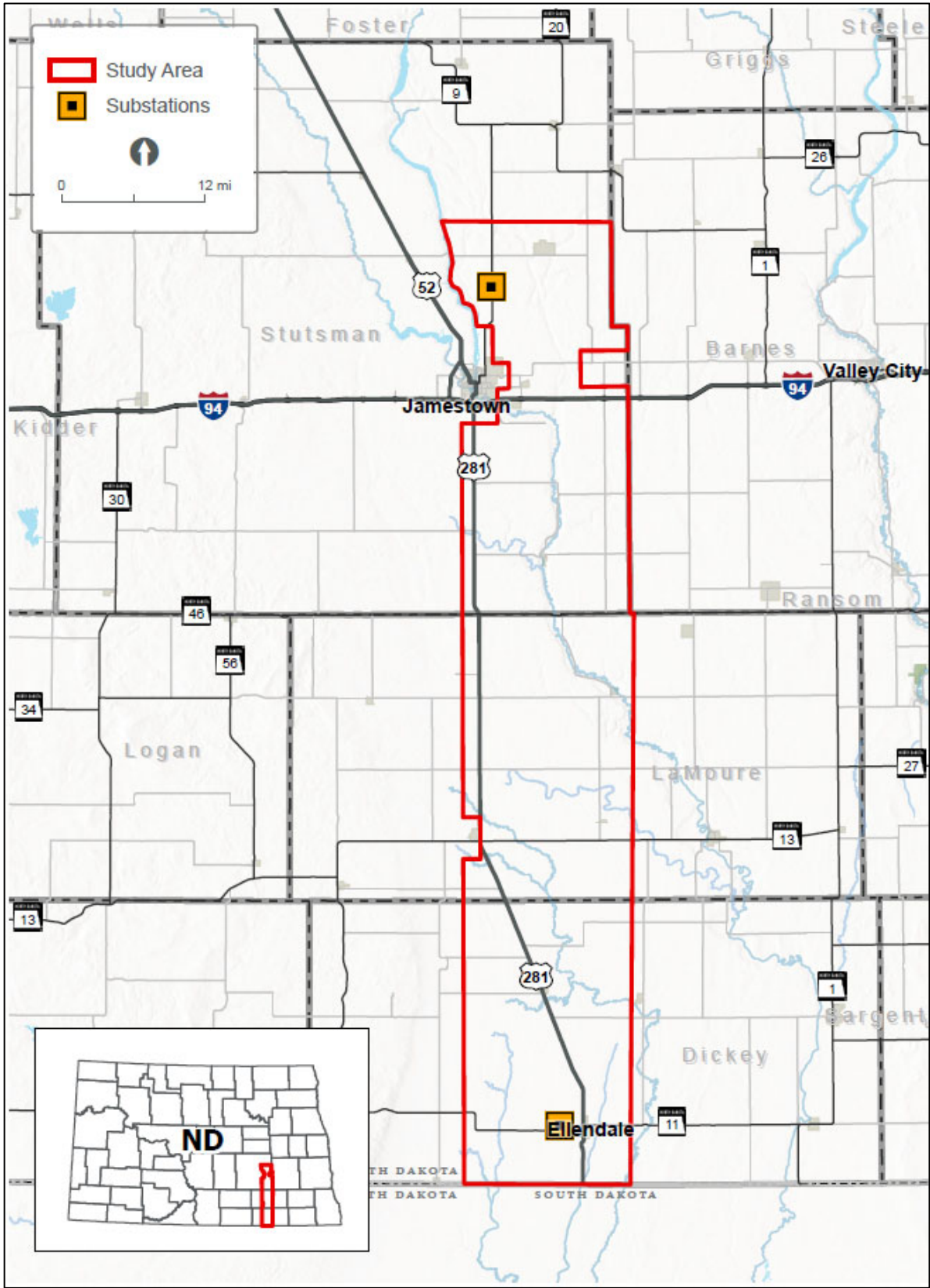
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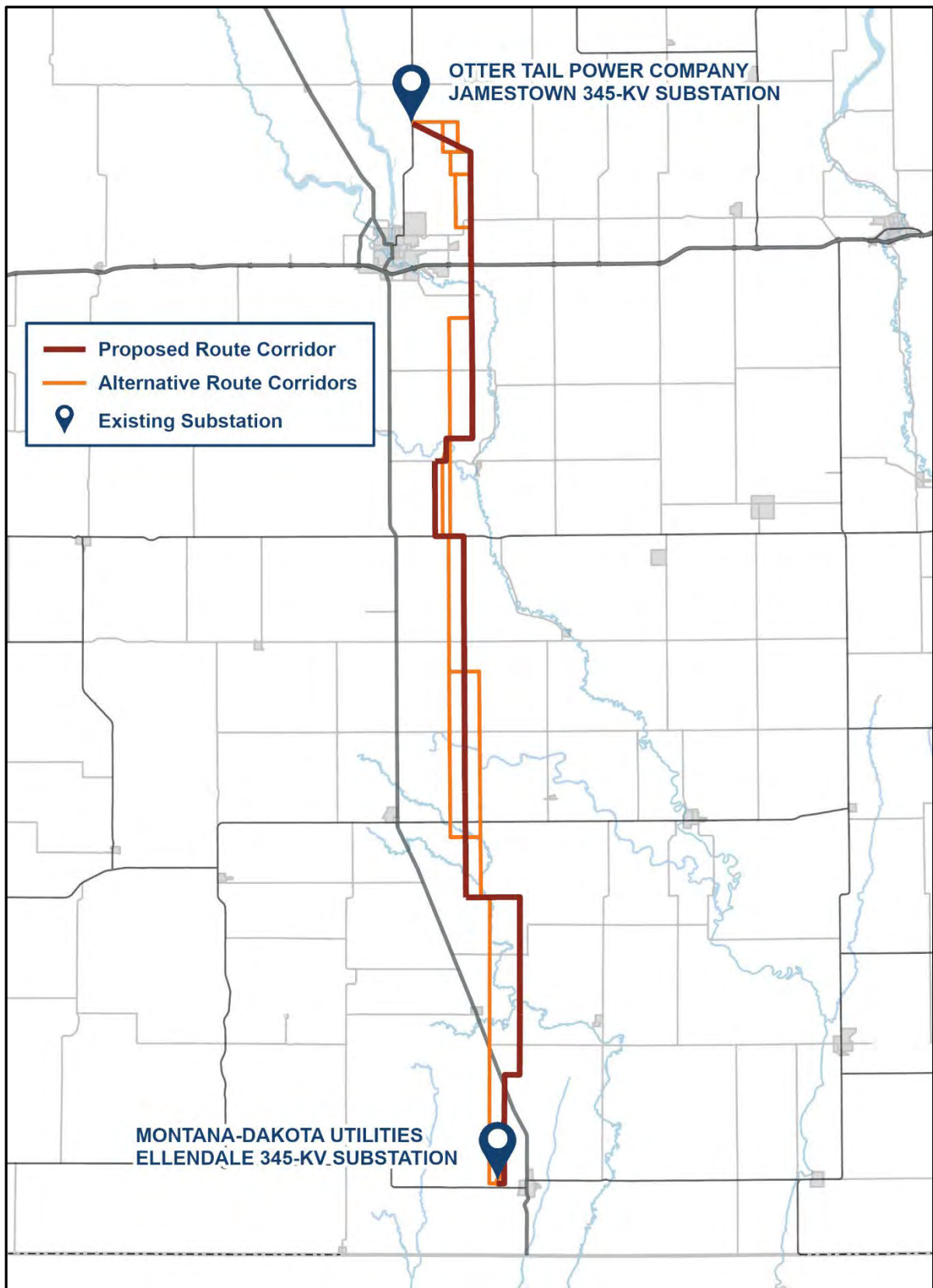
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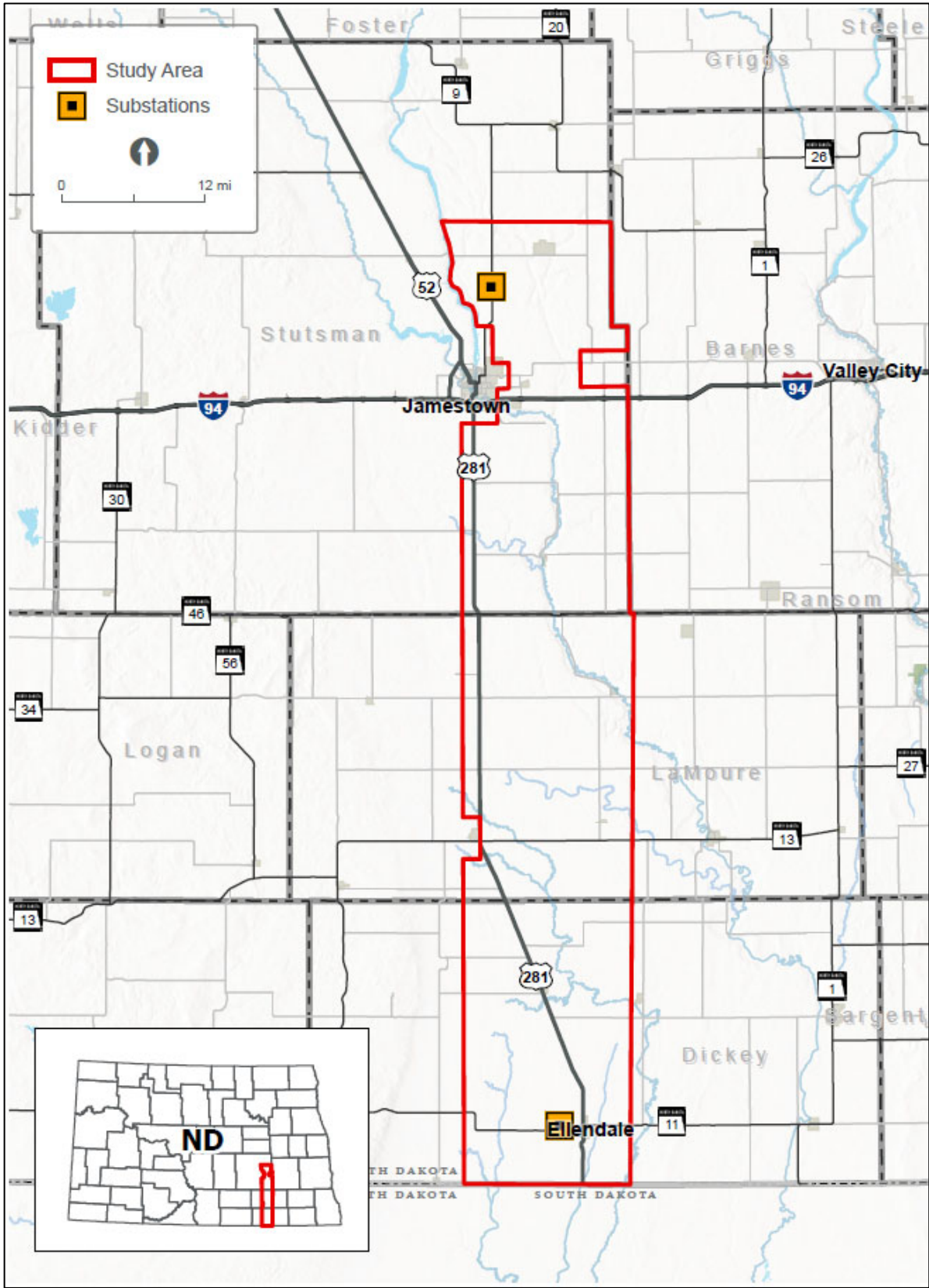
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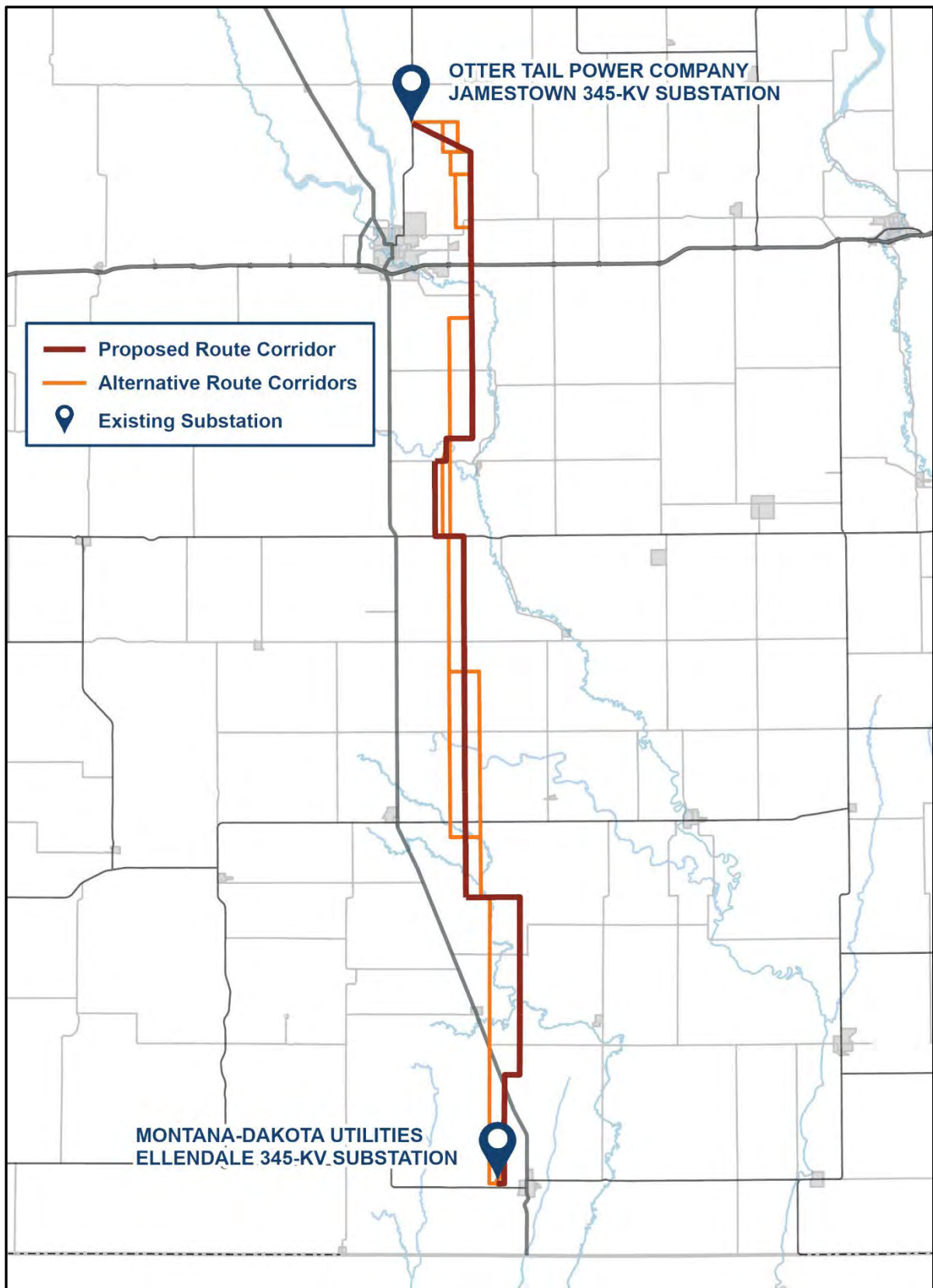
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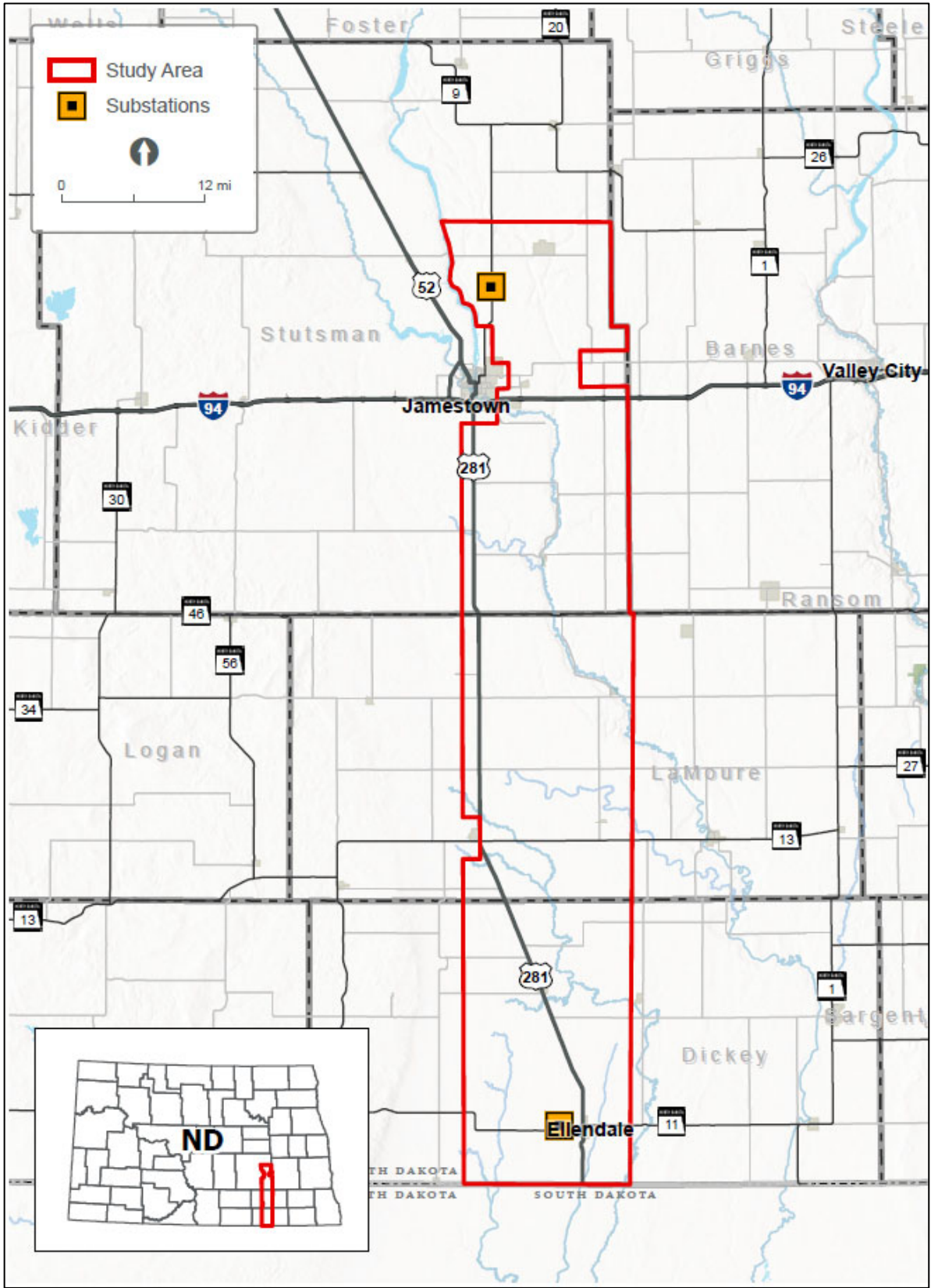
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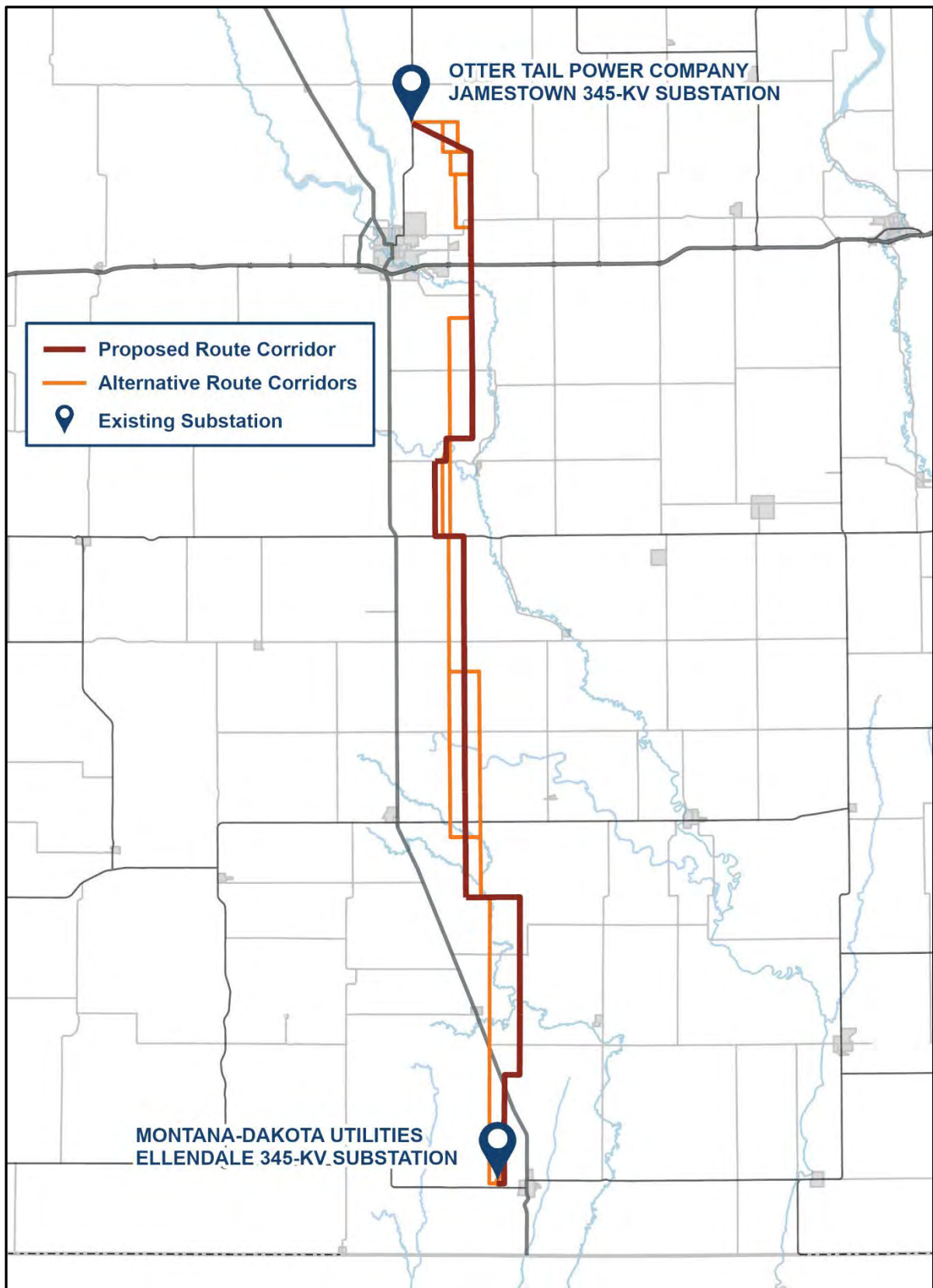
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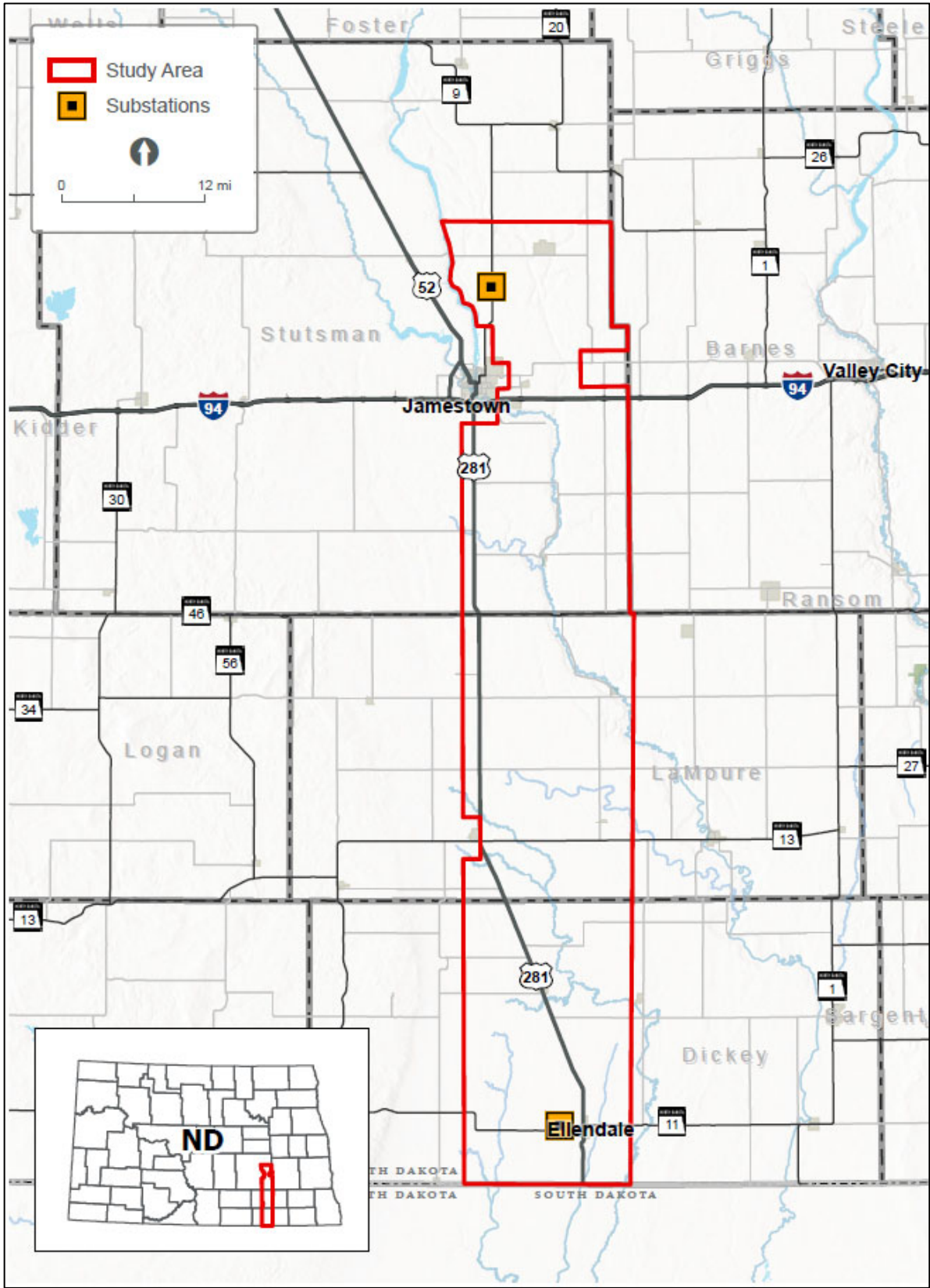
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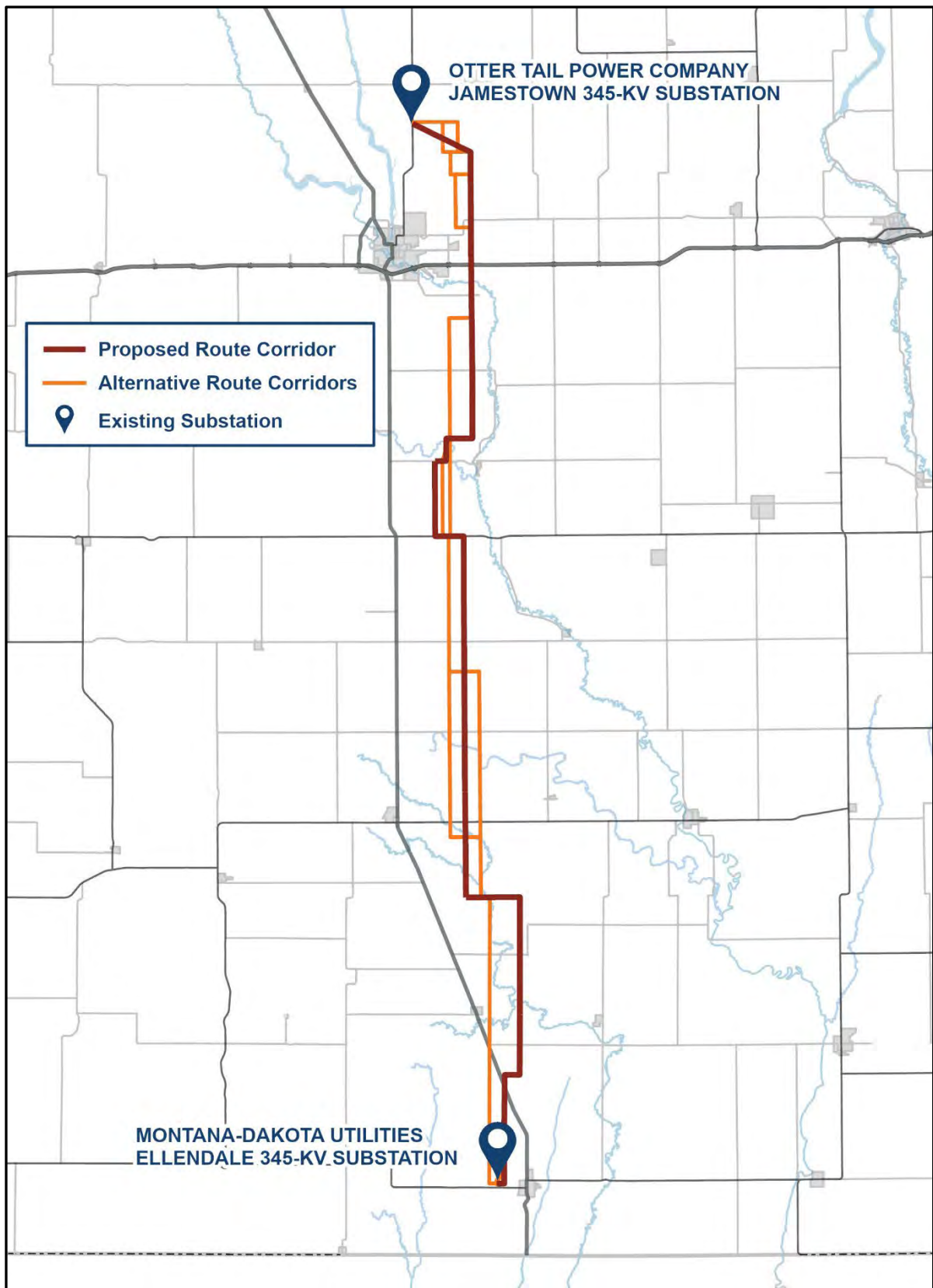
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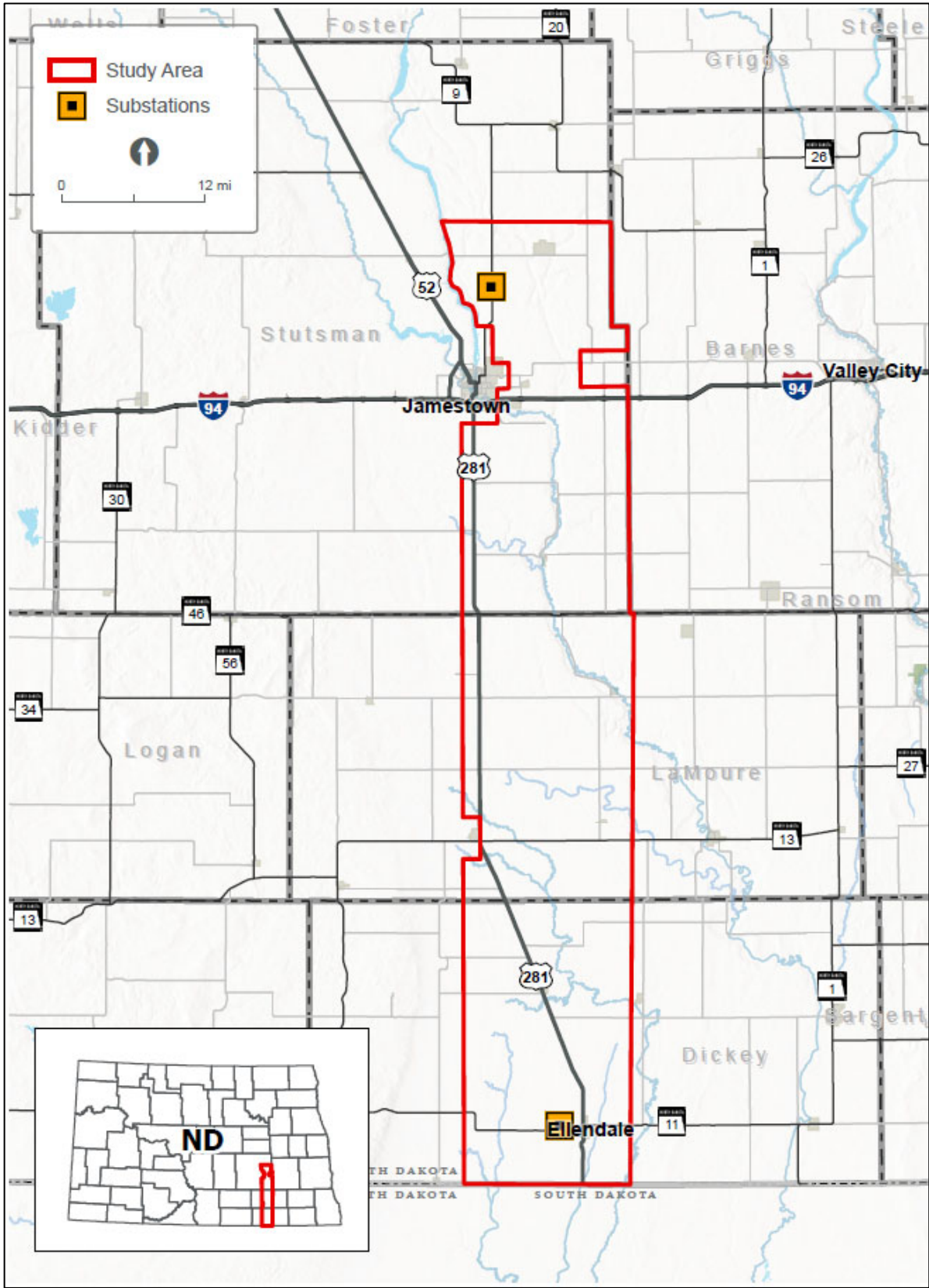
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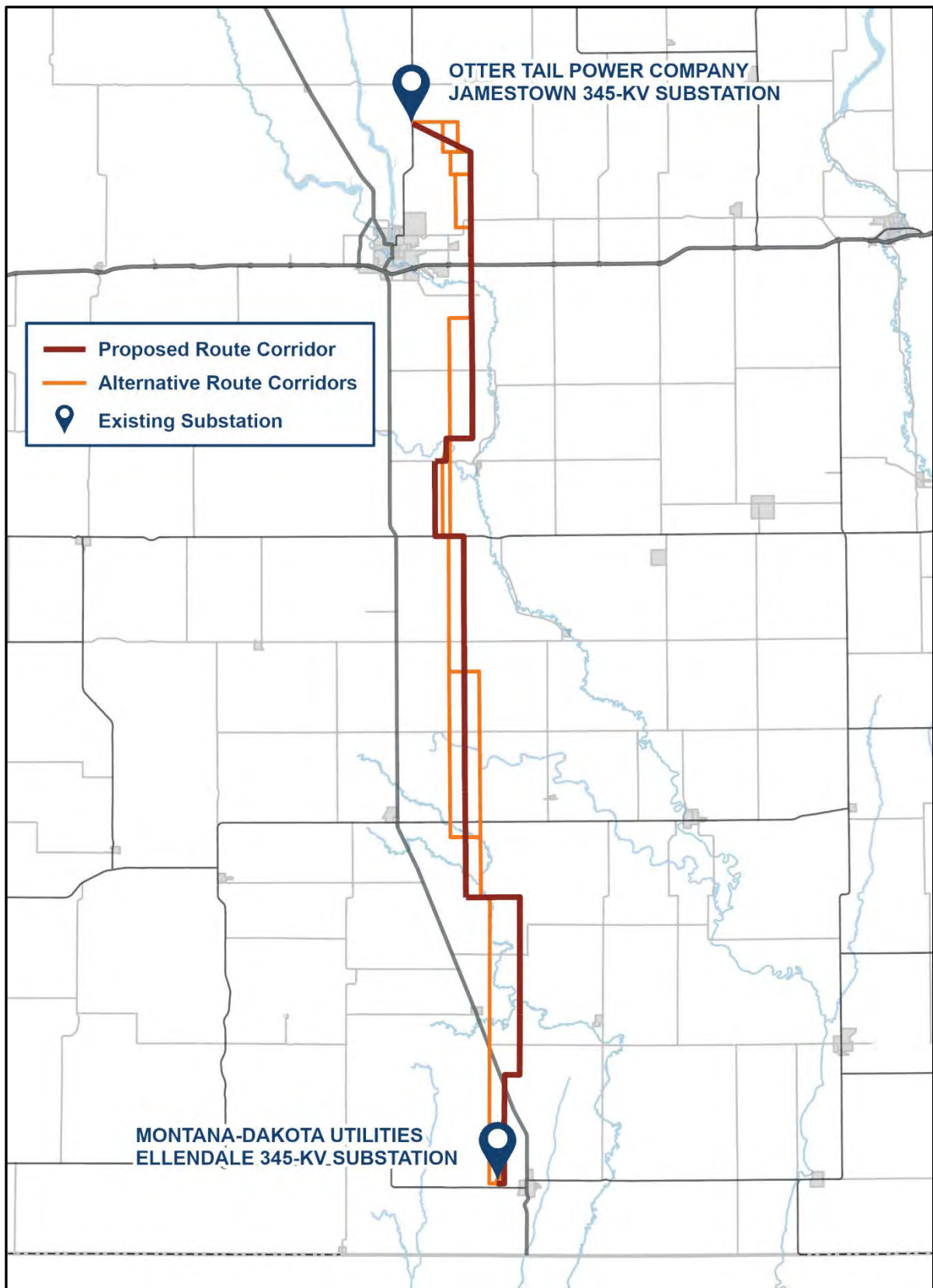
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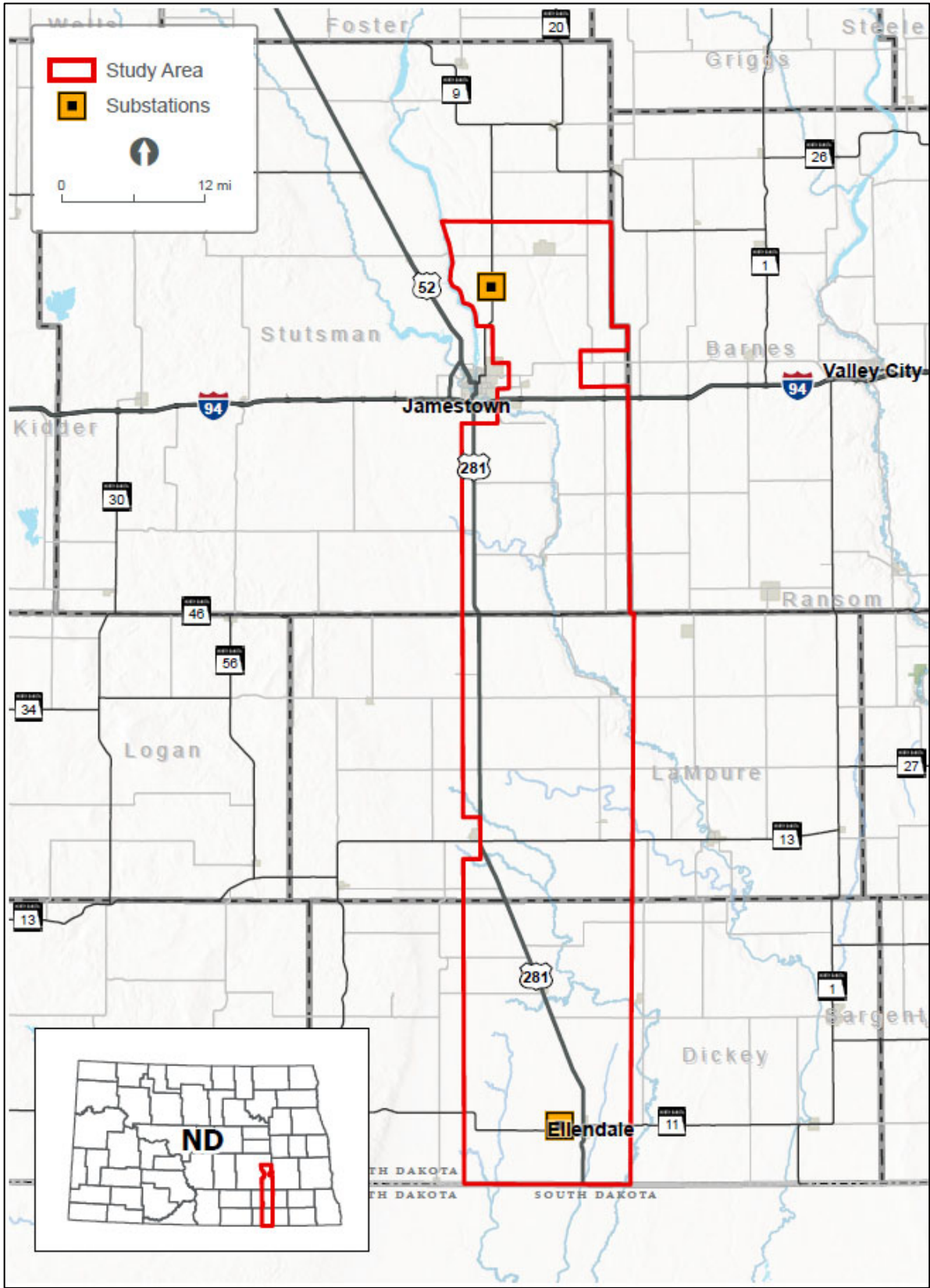
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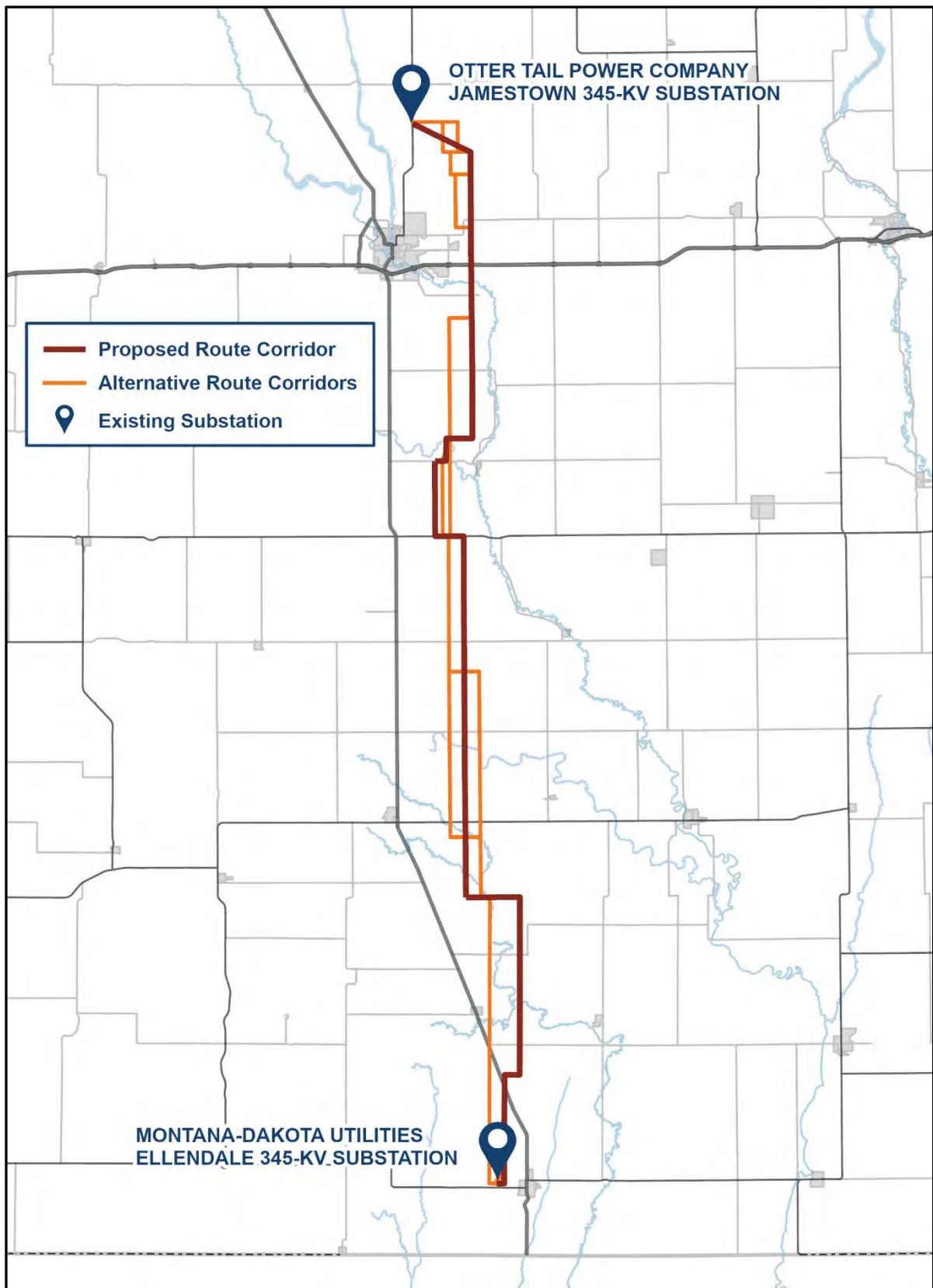
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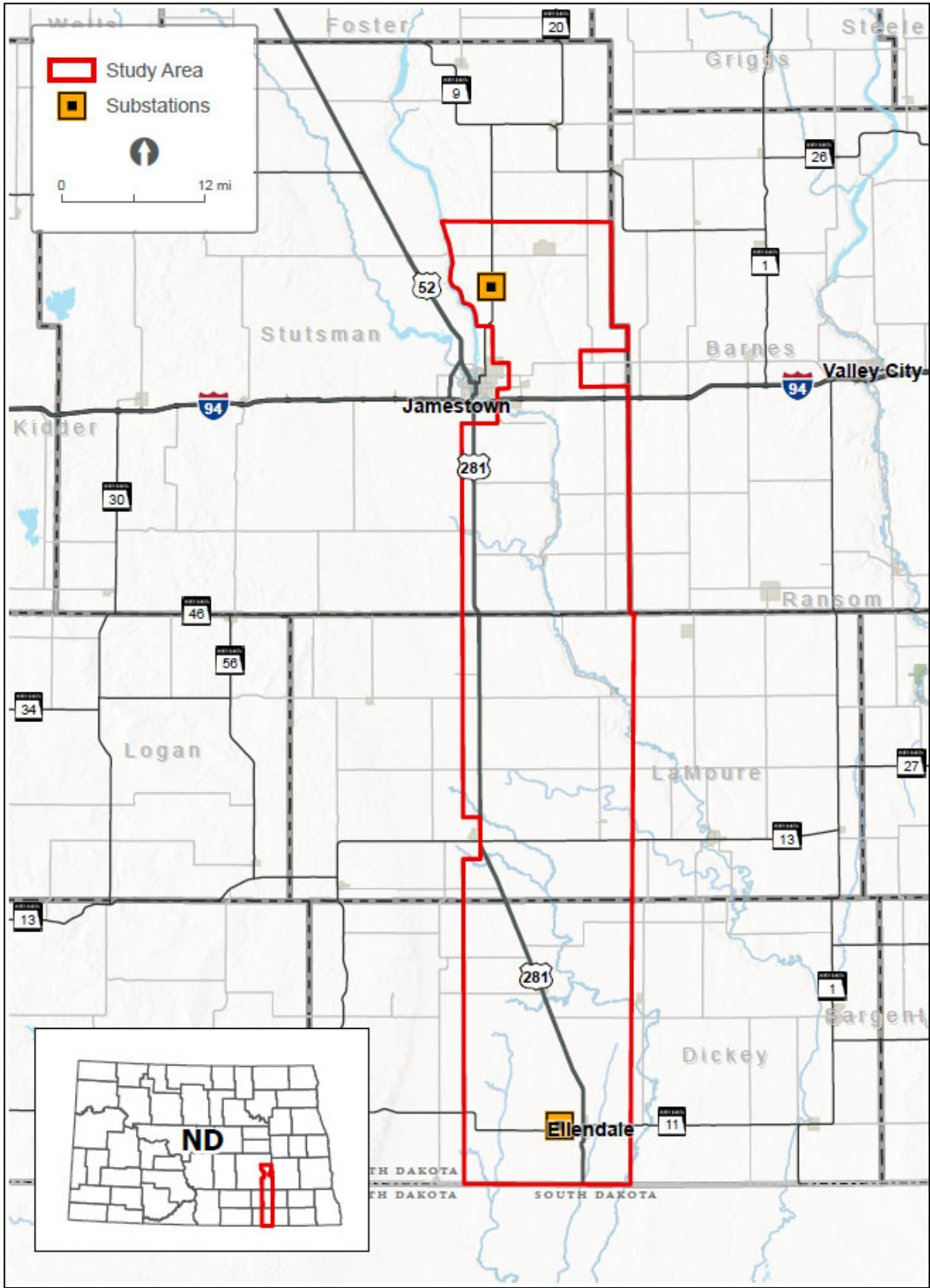
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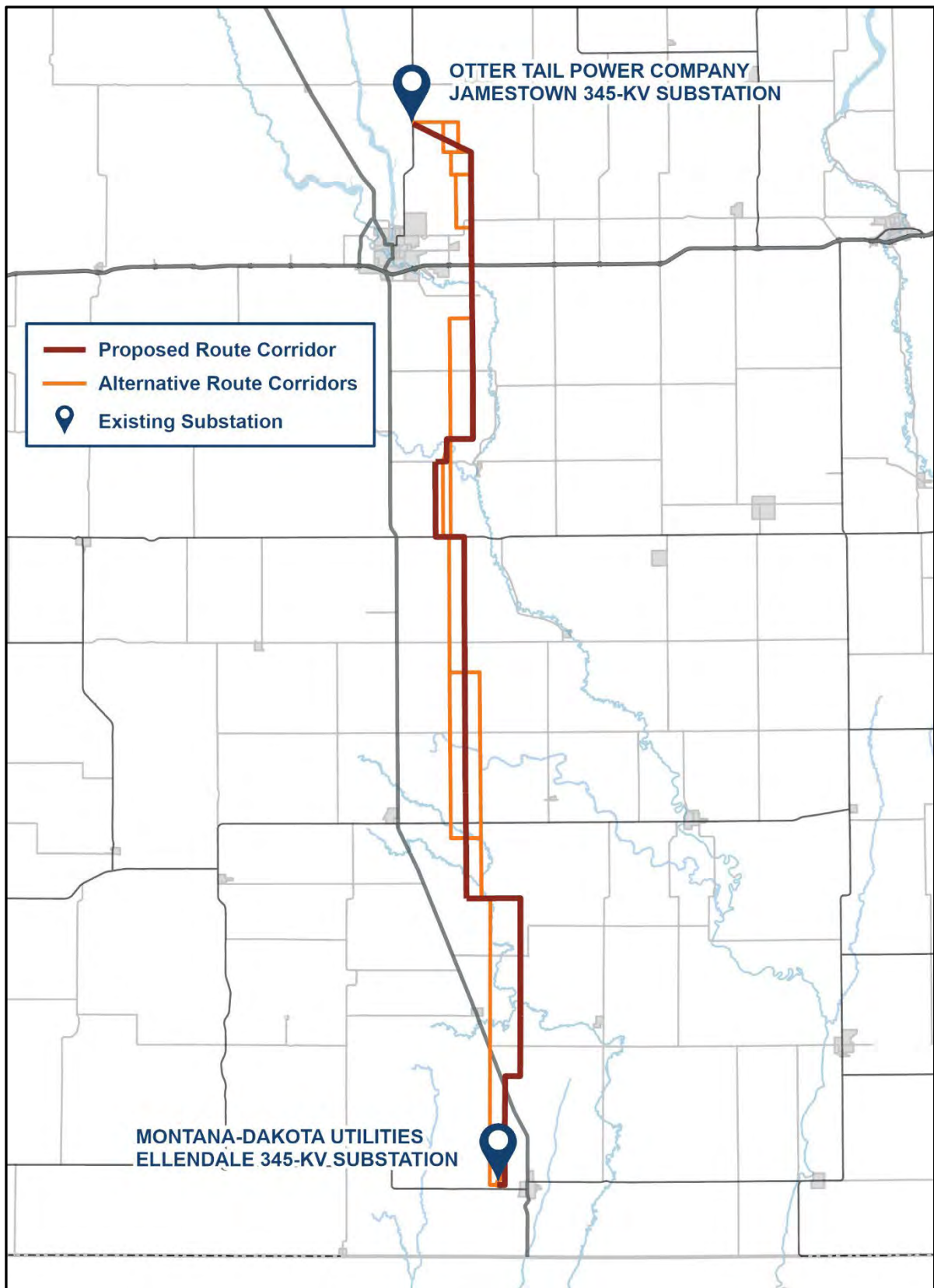
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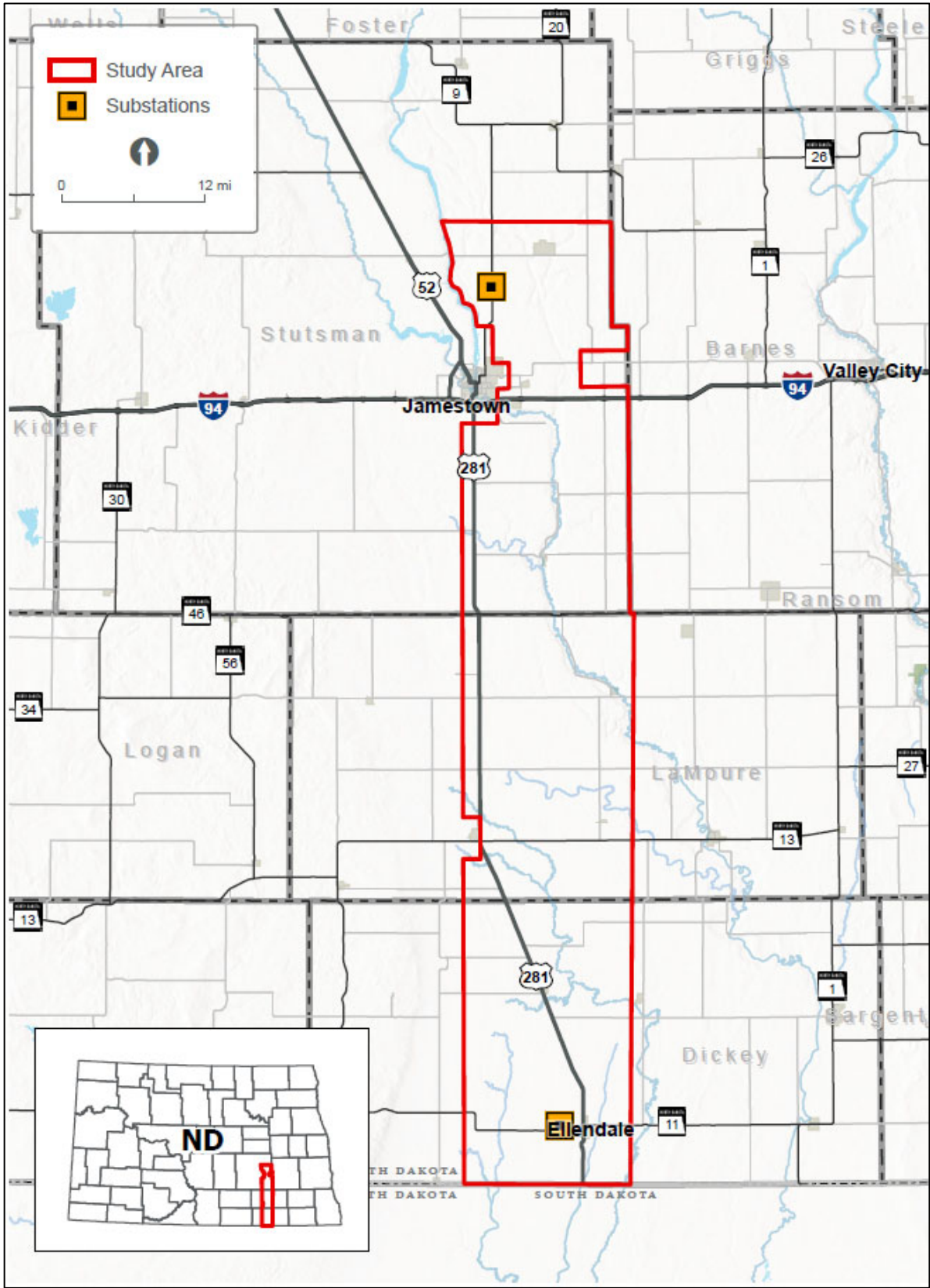
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September 7, 2023

Wanda Sheppard
Auditor, Dickey County
PO Box 215
Ellendale, ND 58436

Re: Request for Input and Meetings for the Otter Tail Power Company and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. proposed Jamestown to Ellendale 345-kV transmission line project

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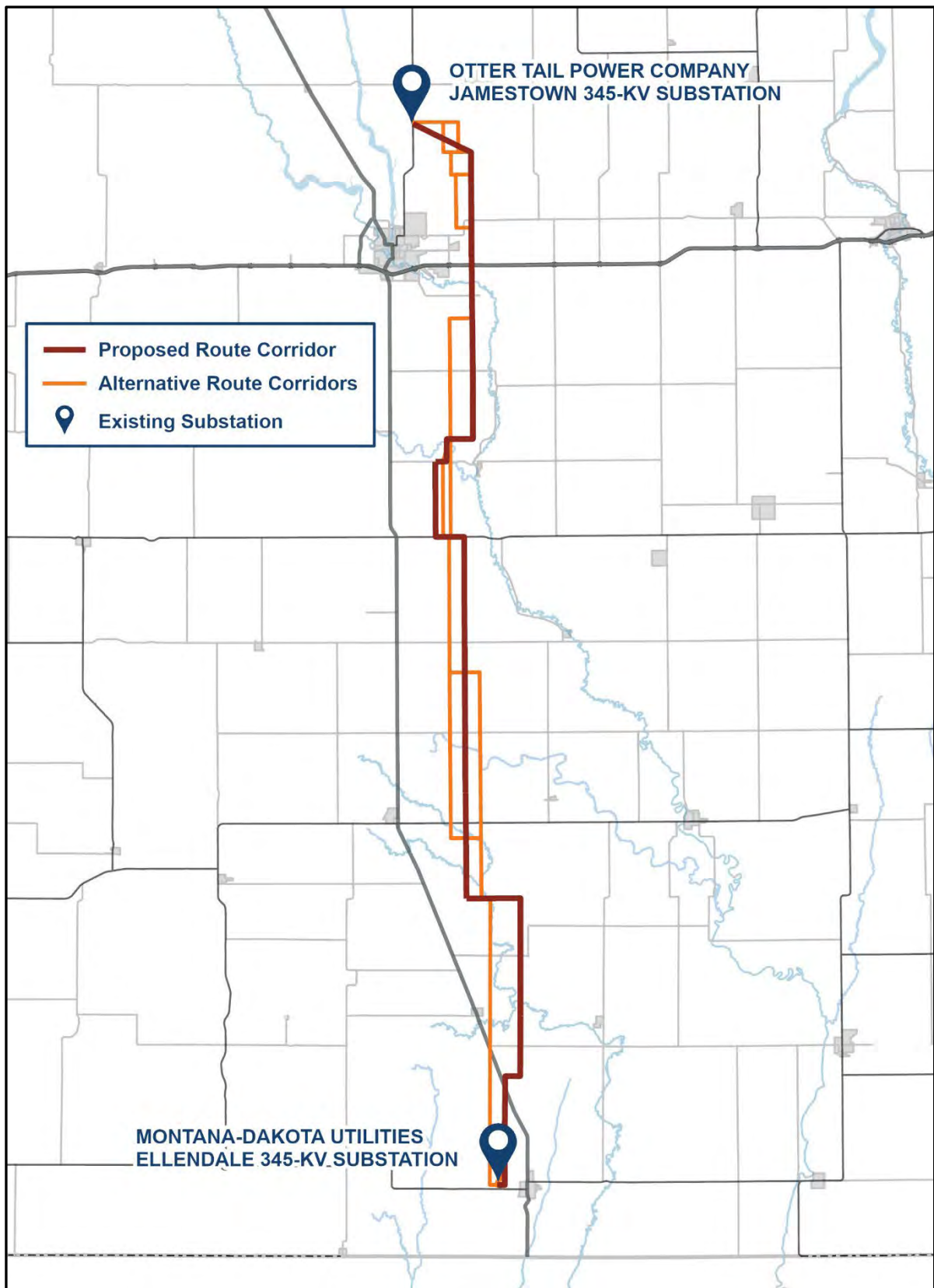
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March 22, 2023

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County Commission Chairman
Dickey County
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Re: Request for Information for the Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company Proposed Jamestown to Ellendale 345-kV Transmission Line Project (JETx)

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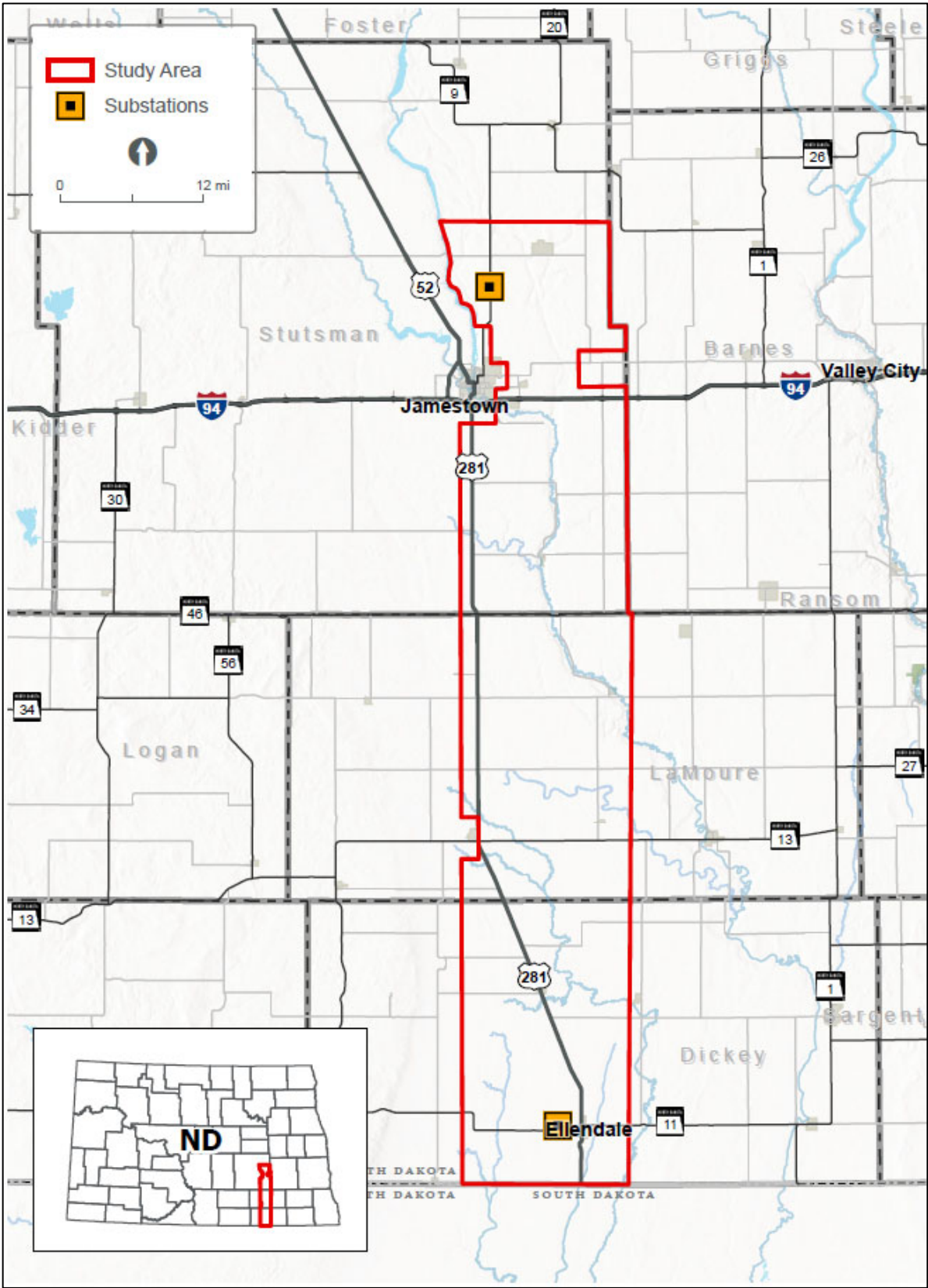
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September 7, 2023

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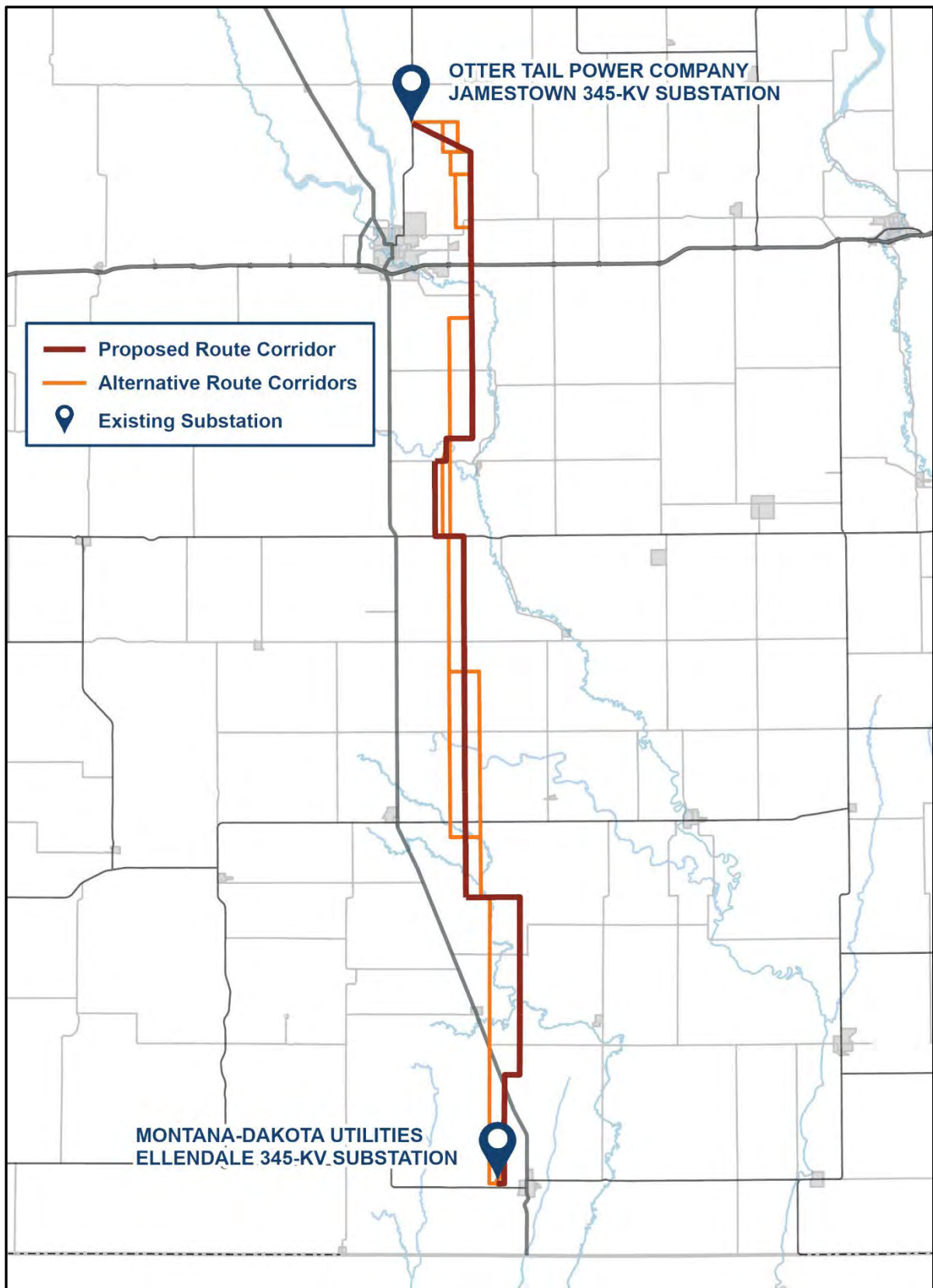
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Andi Schmike
Clerk of District Court, Dickey County
PO Box 336
Ellendale, ND 58436

Re: Request for Input and Meetings for the Otter Tail Power Company and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. proposed Jamestown to Ellendale 345-kV transmission line project

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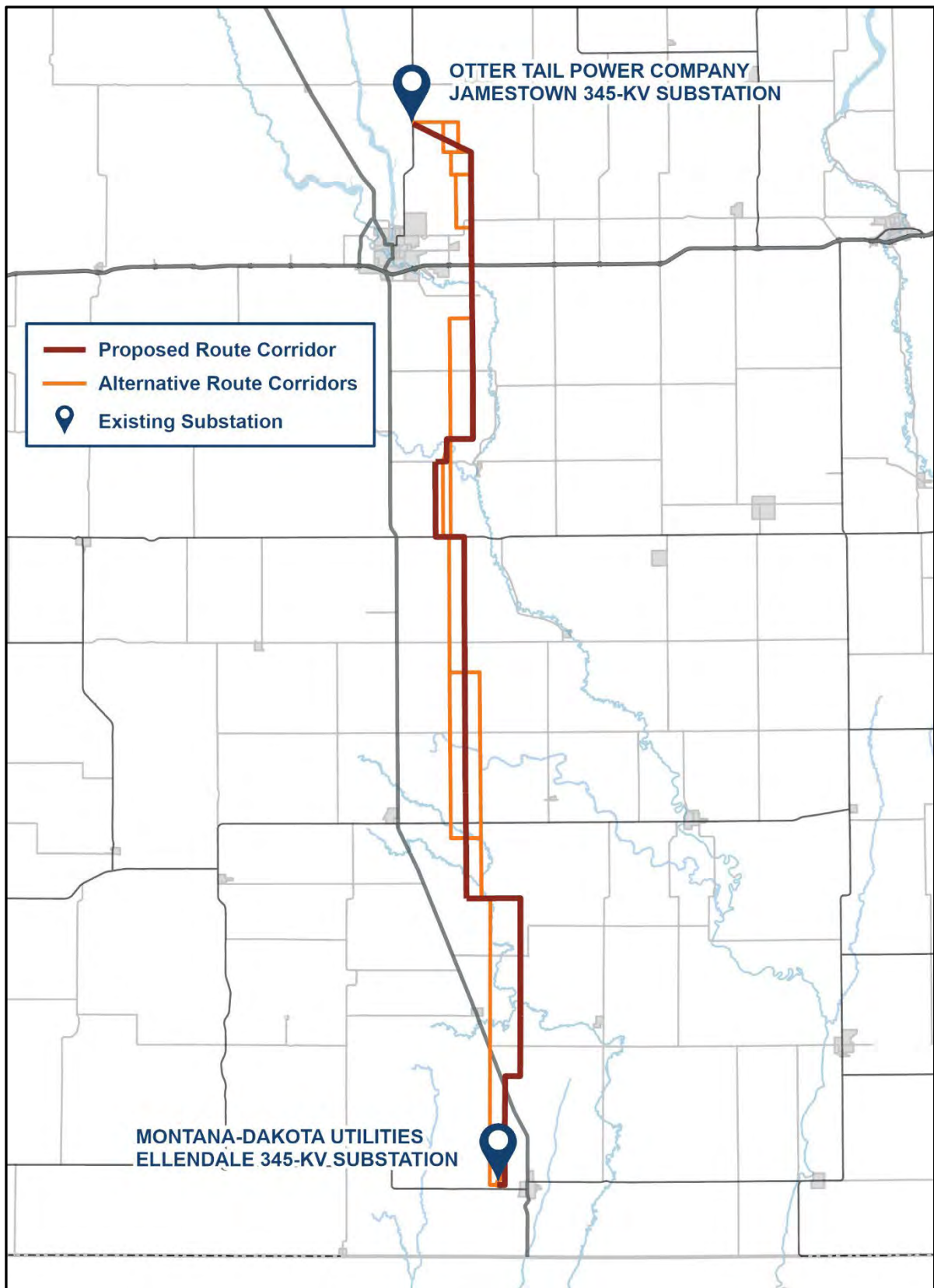
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September 7, 2023

Marke Roberts
County Commission, Dickey County
309 2nd St N
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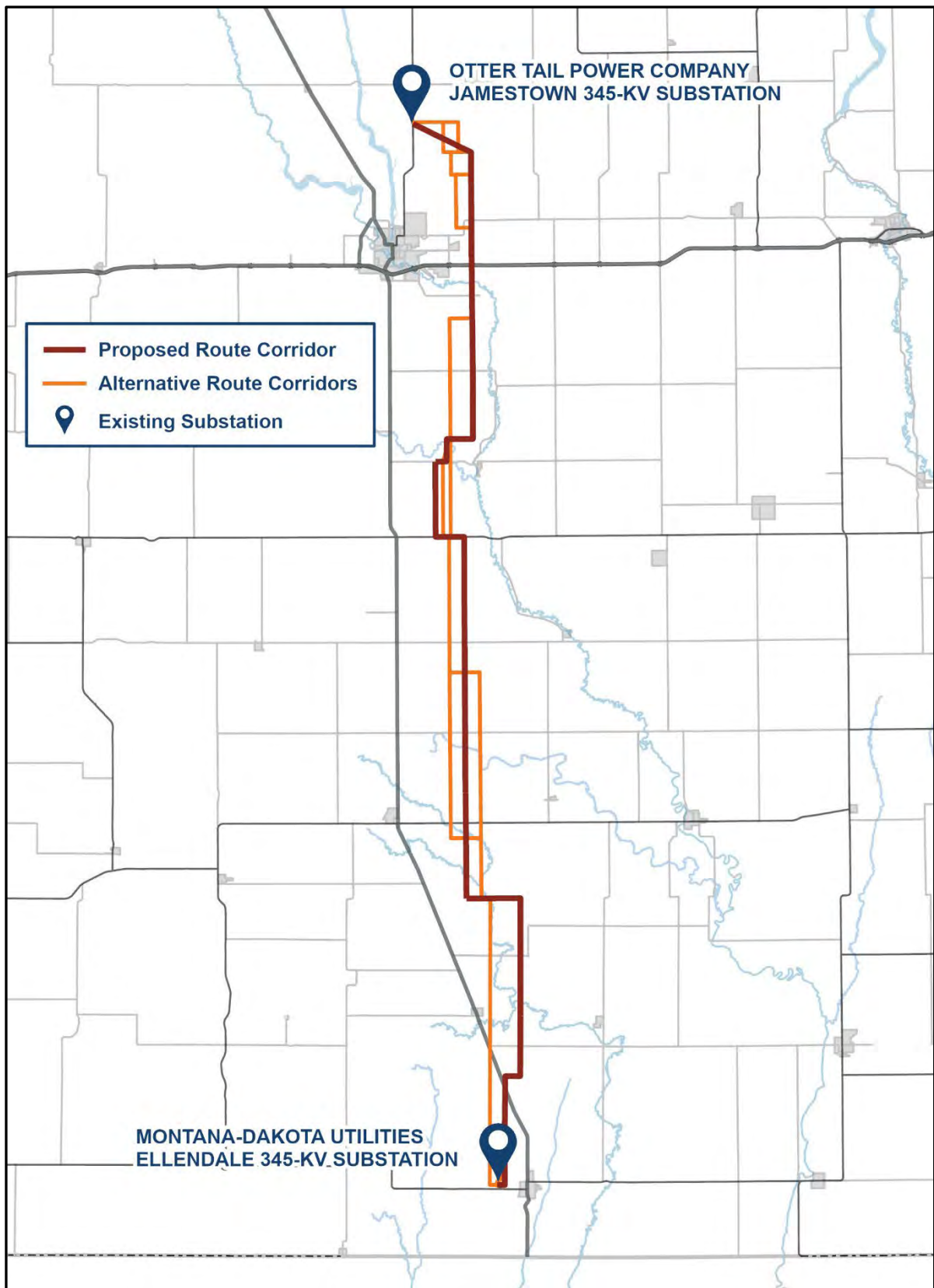
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September 7, 2023

Kasey Holm
County Commission - District 1, Dickey County
309 2nd St N
Ellendale, ND 58436

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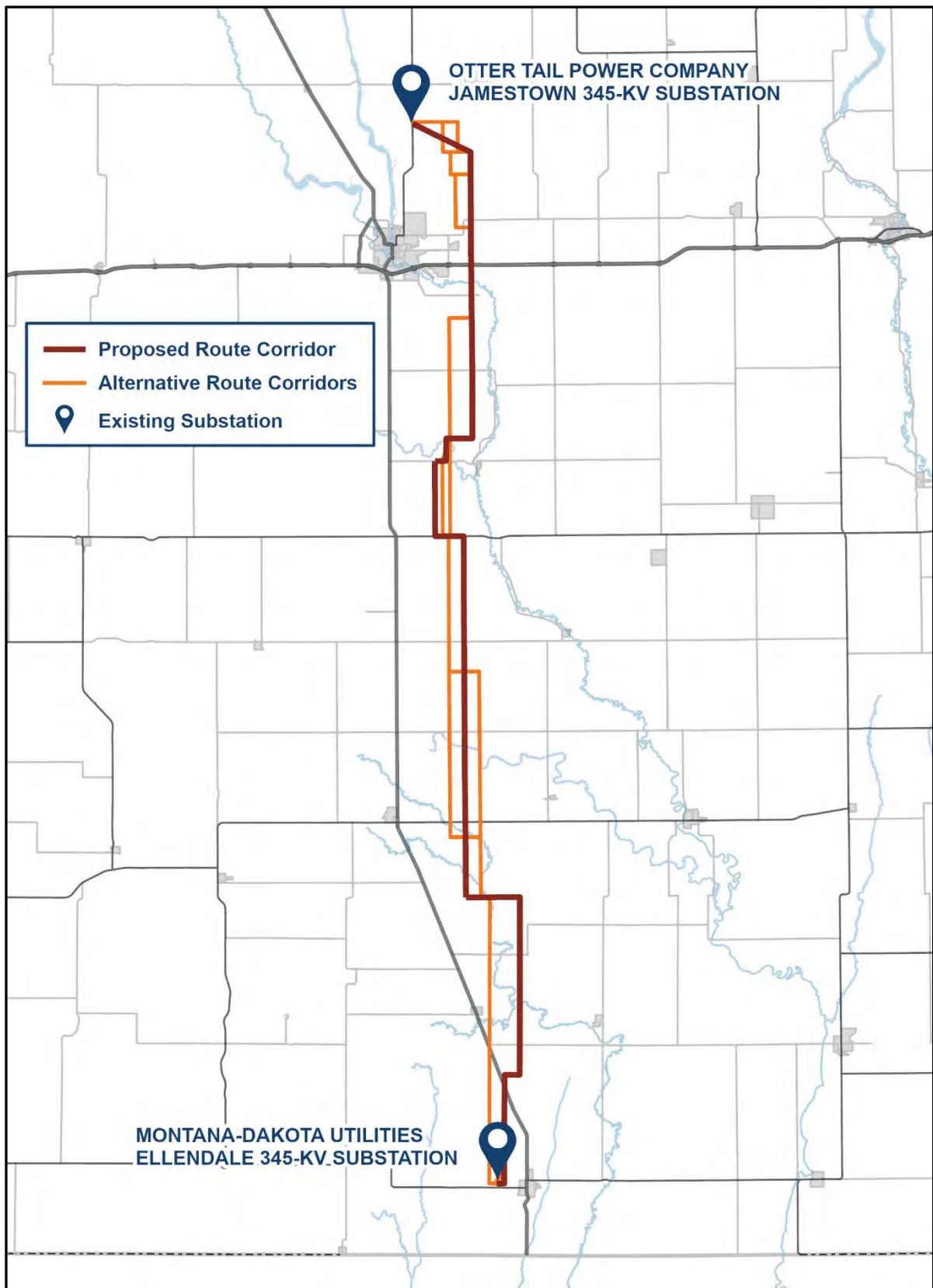
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September 7, 2023

Jerry Walsh
County Commission - District 2 (Vice-Chairman), Dickey County
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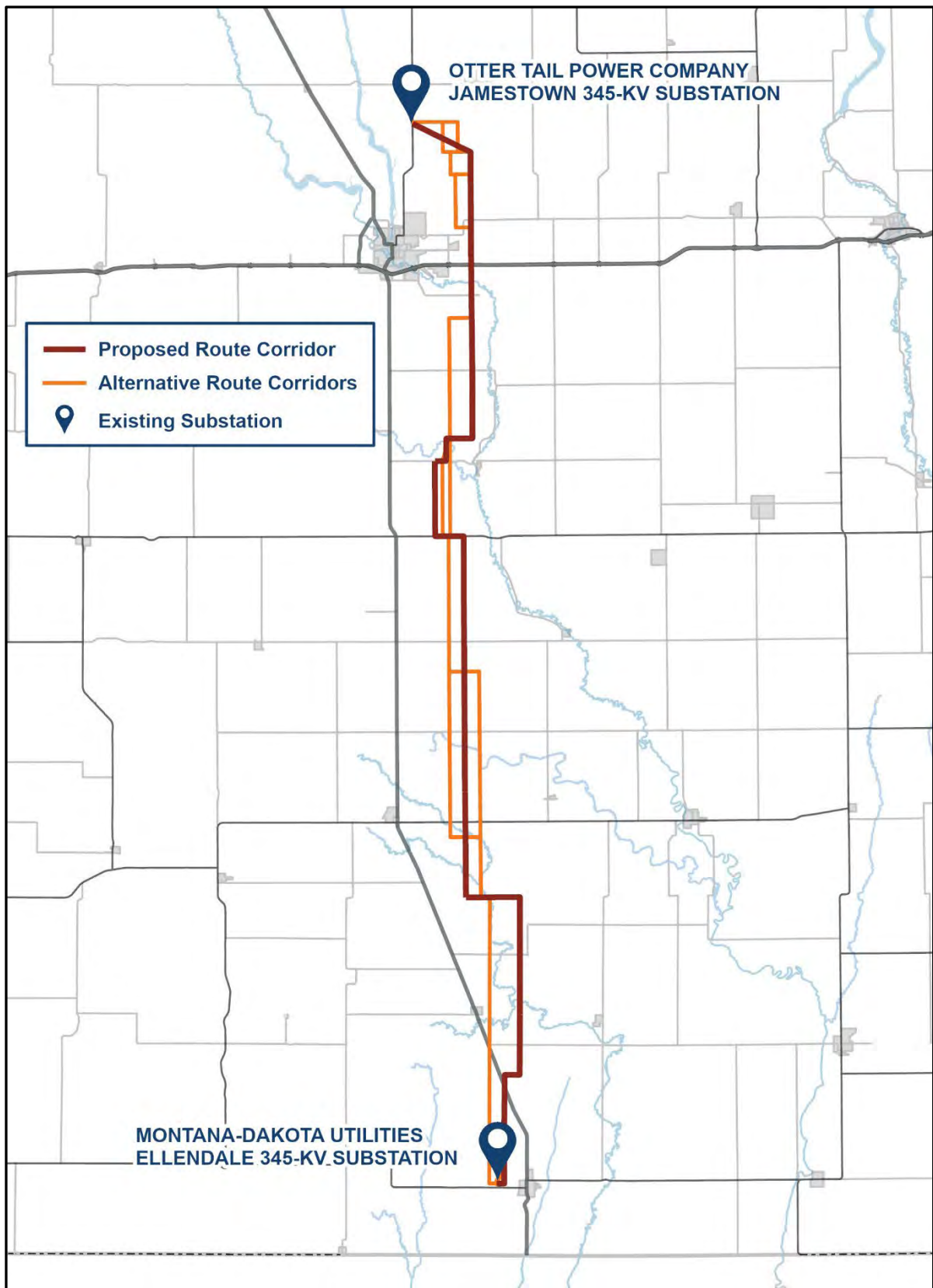
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County Commission - District 3, Dickey County
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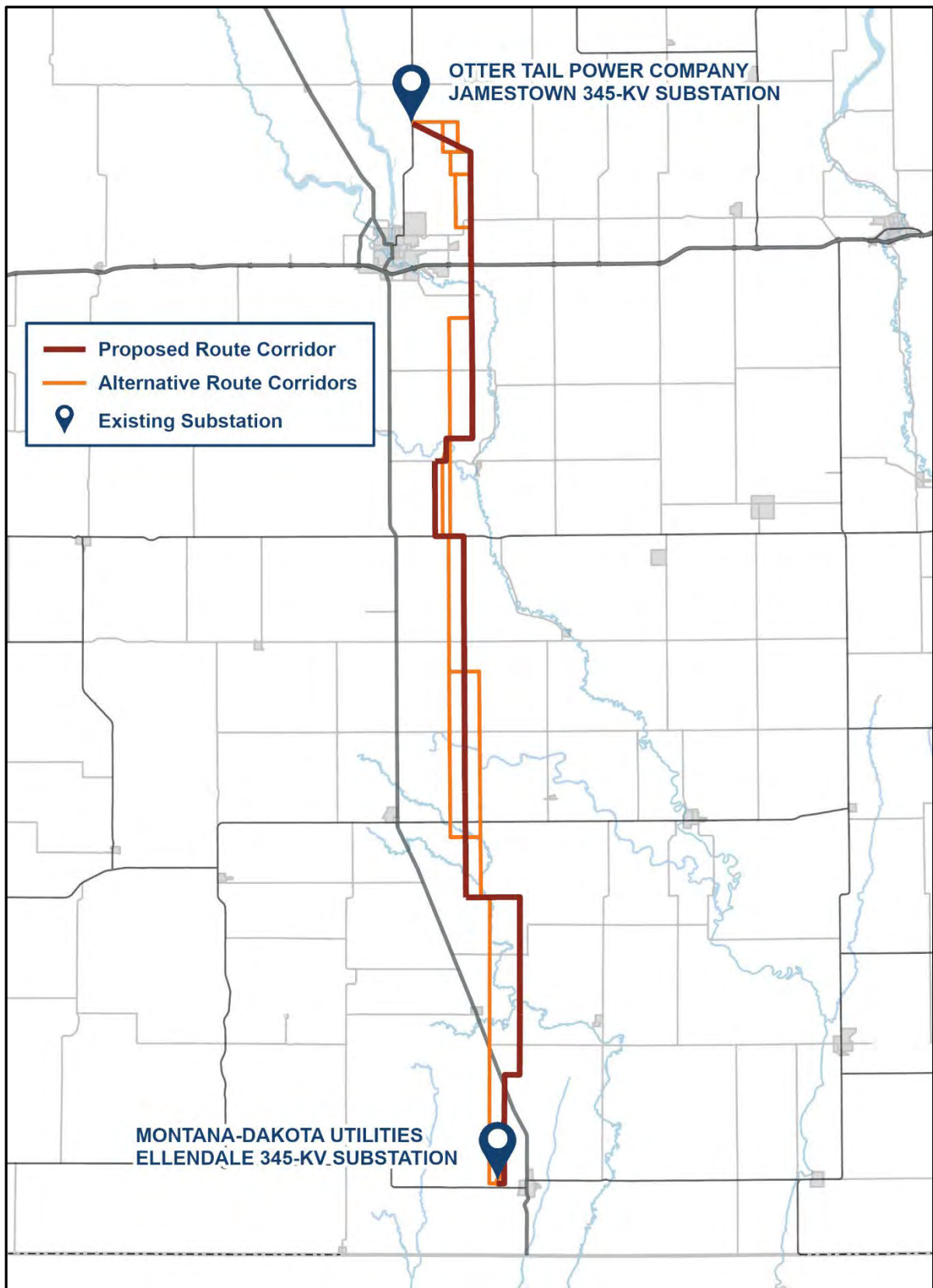
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Risk Manager, Dickey County
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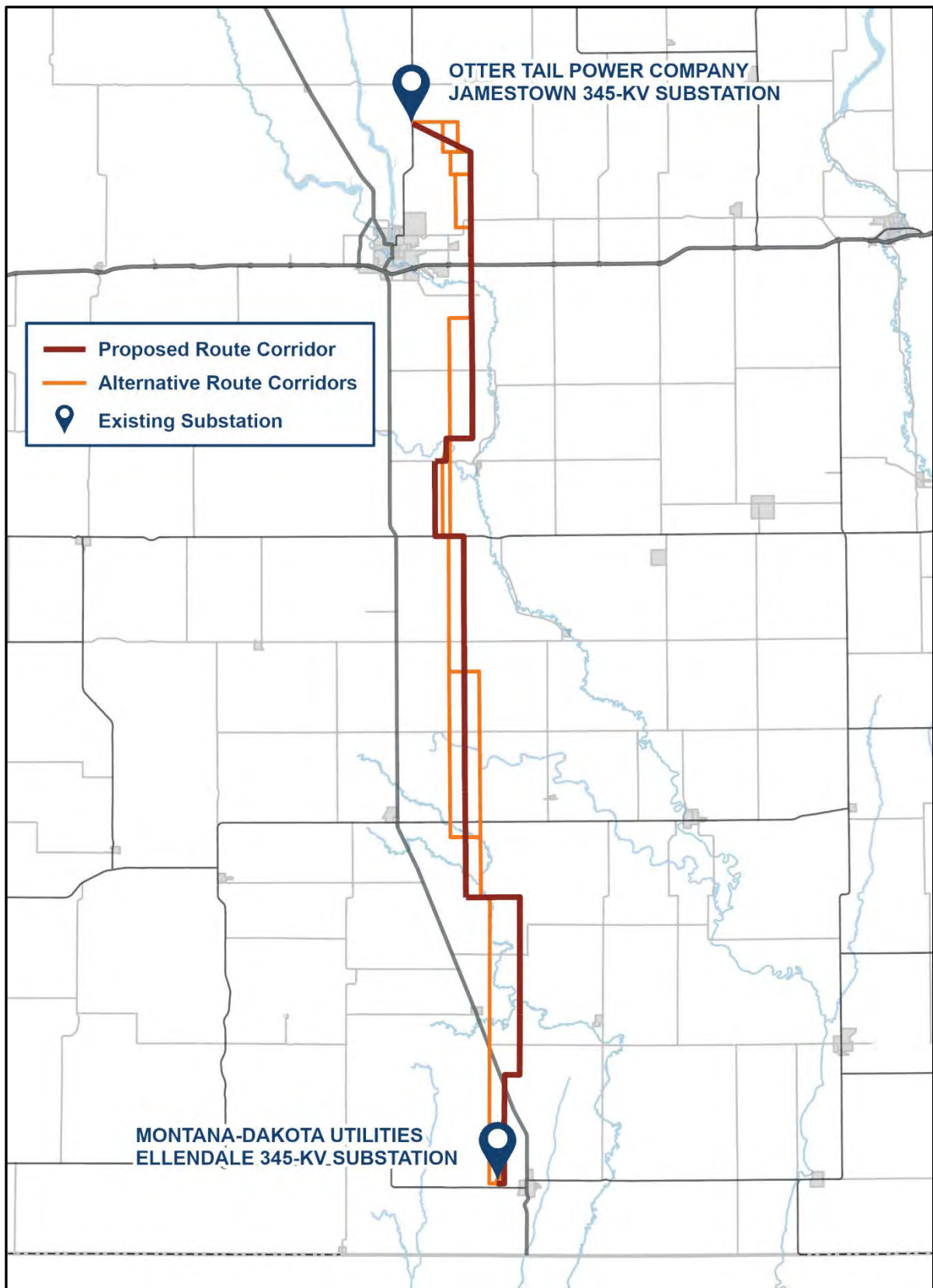
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Sheriff, Dickey County
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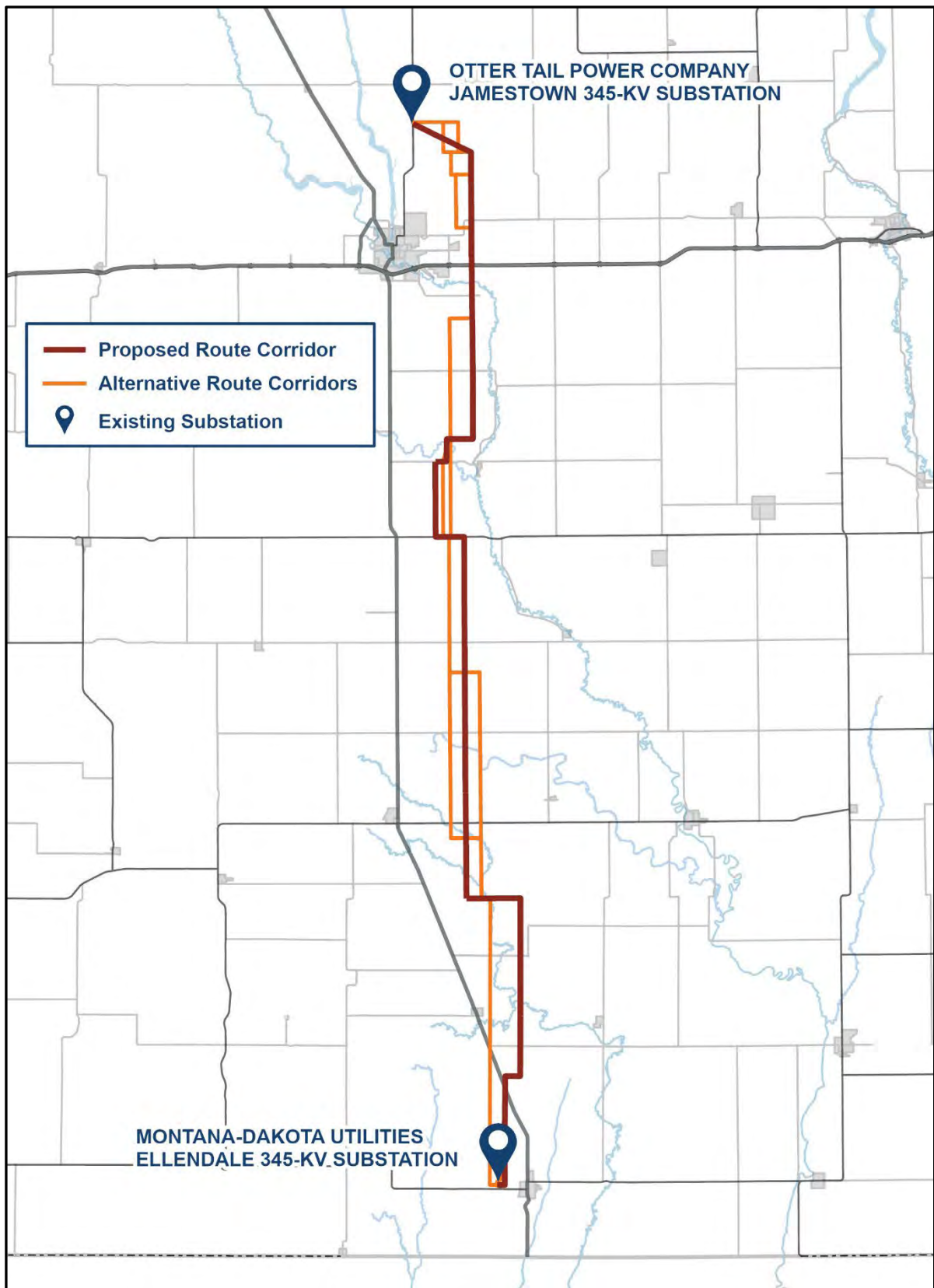
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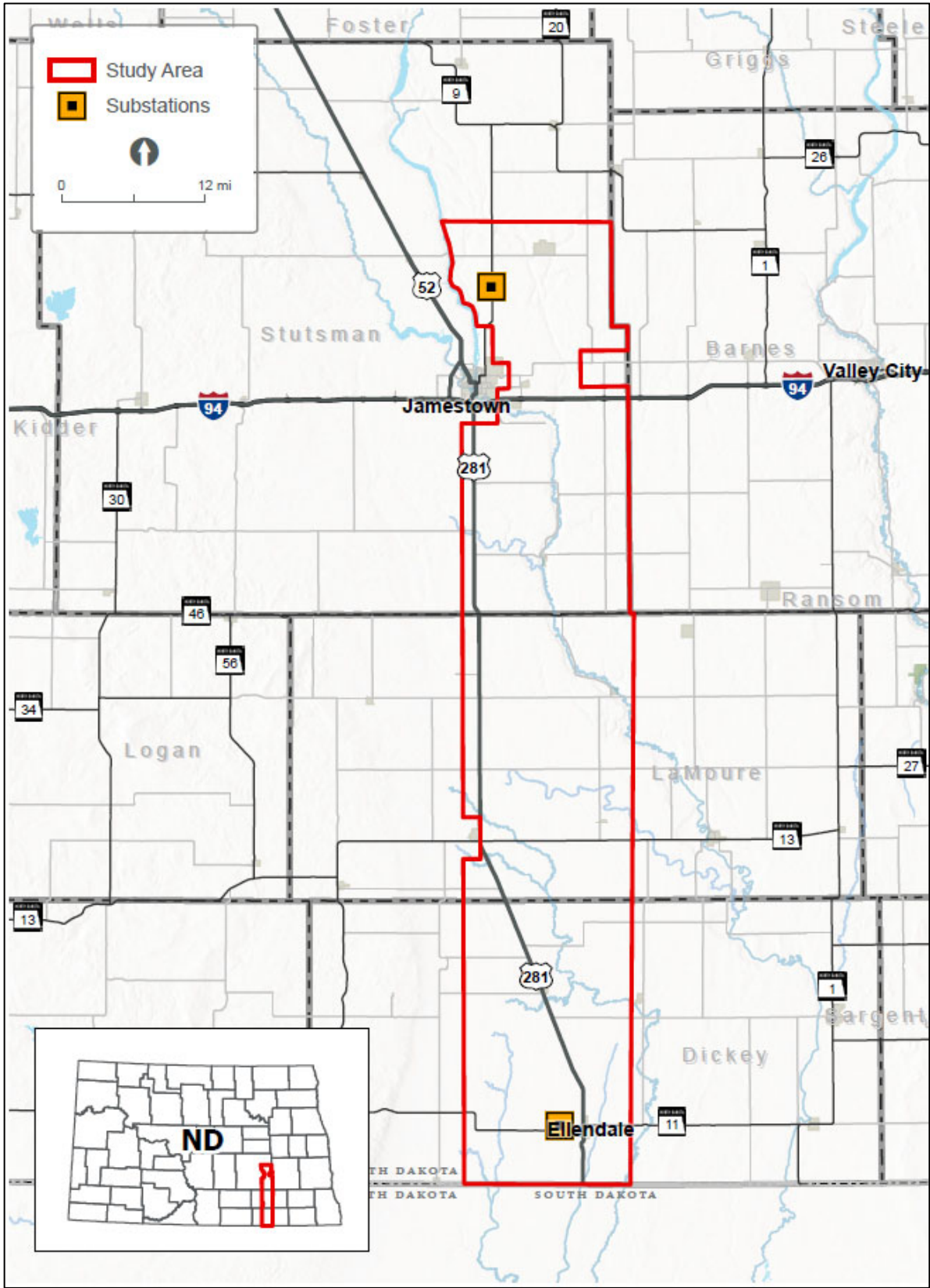
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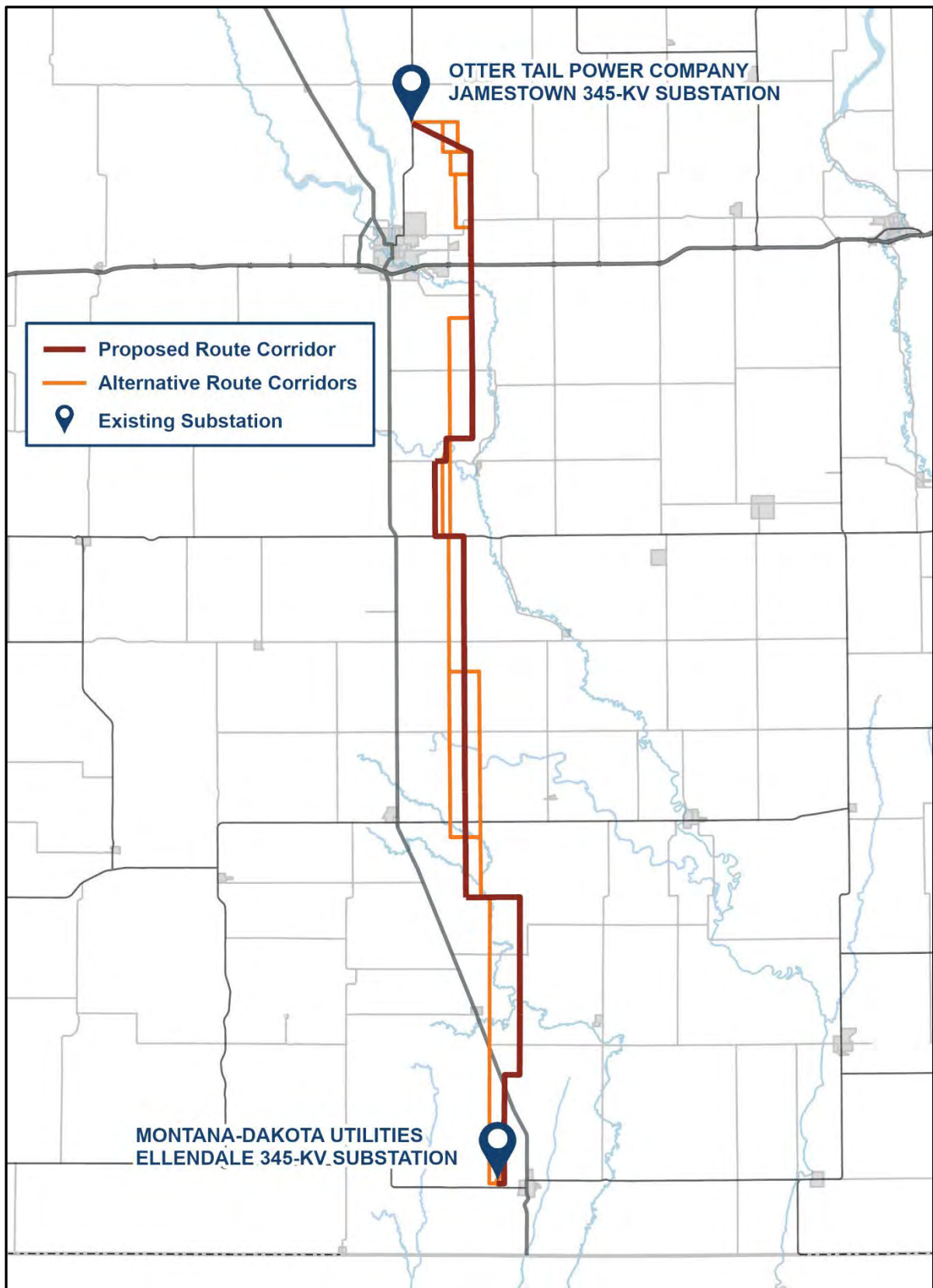
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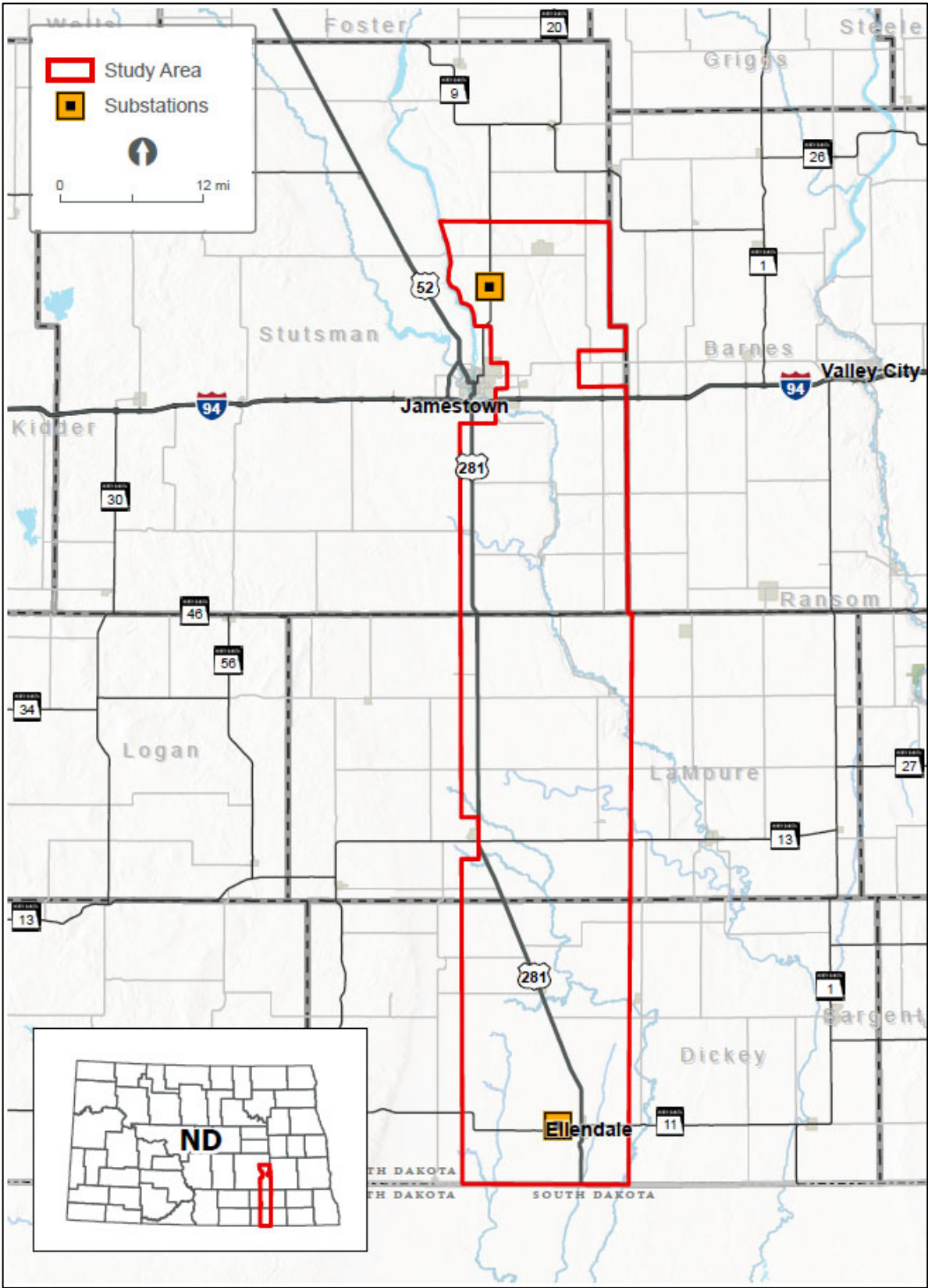
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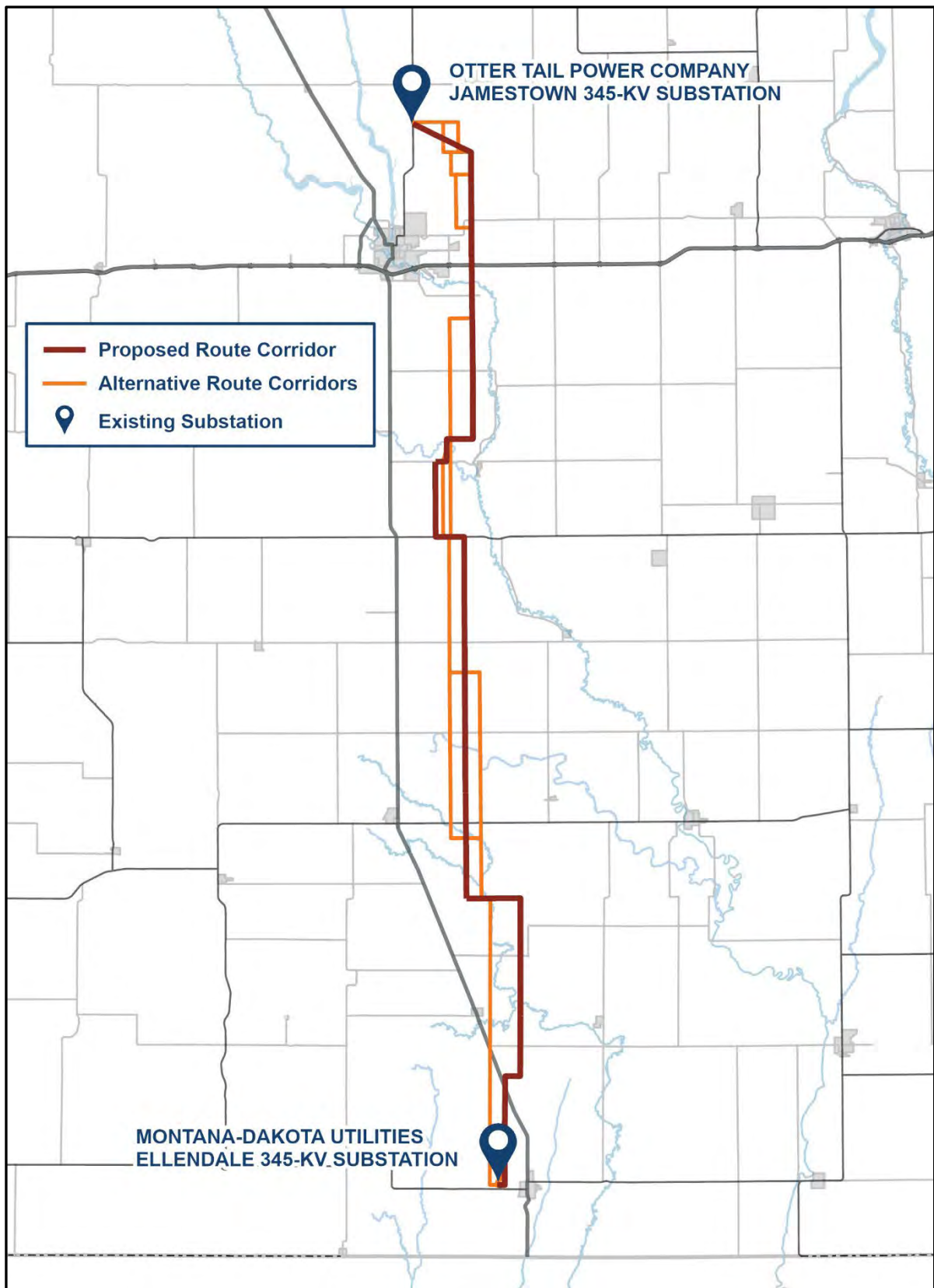
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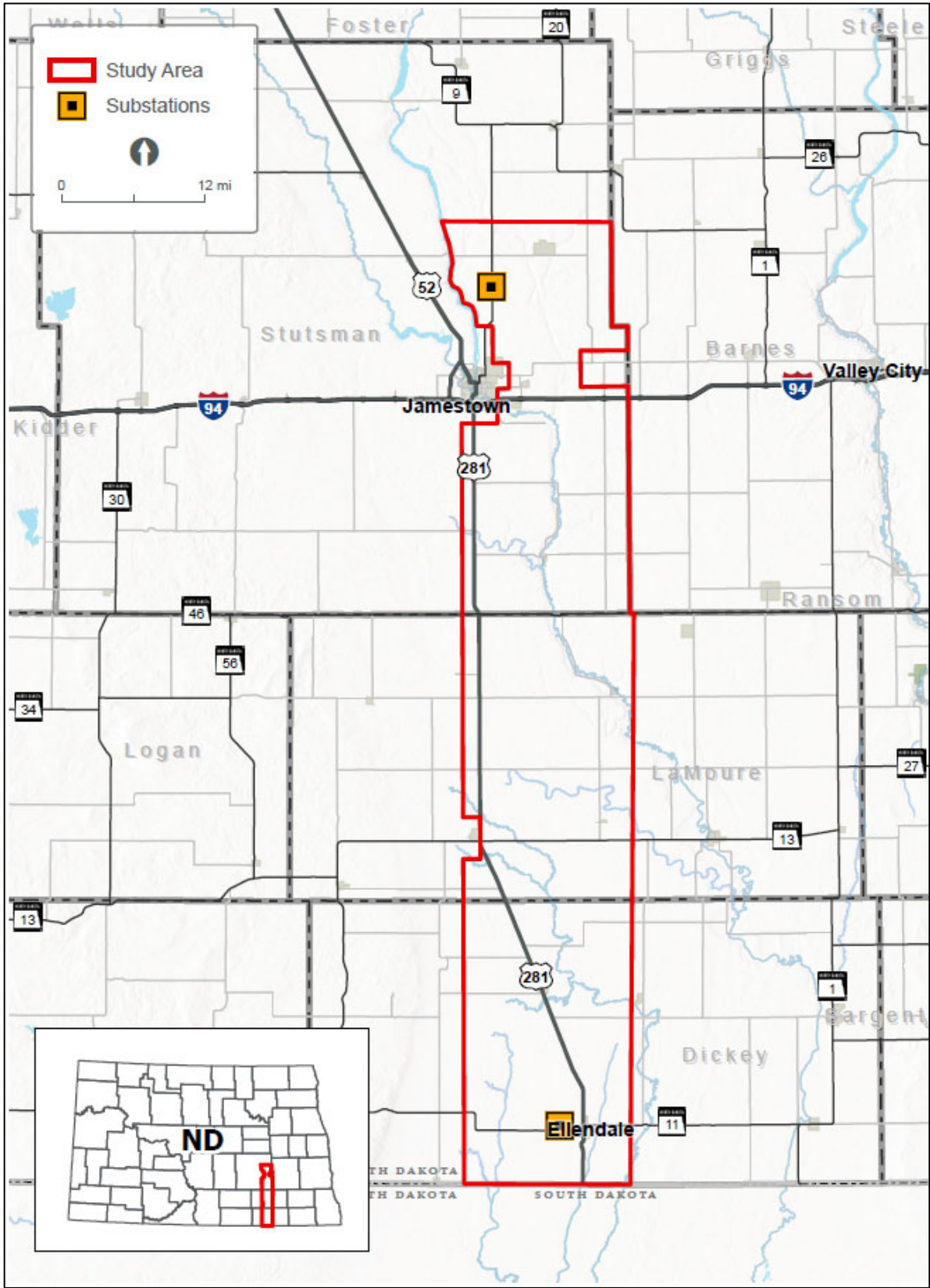
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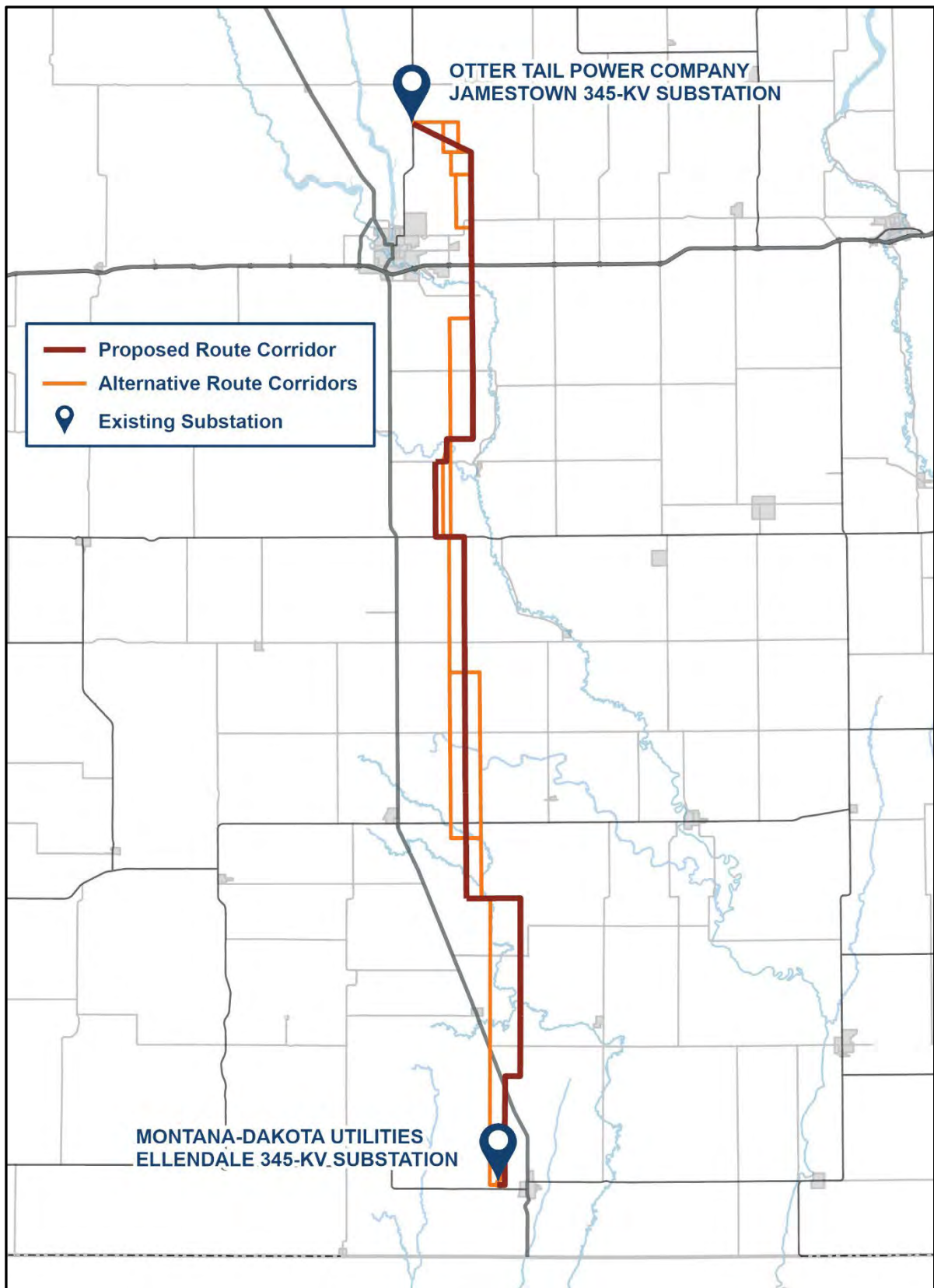
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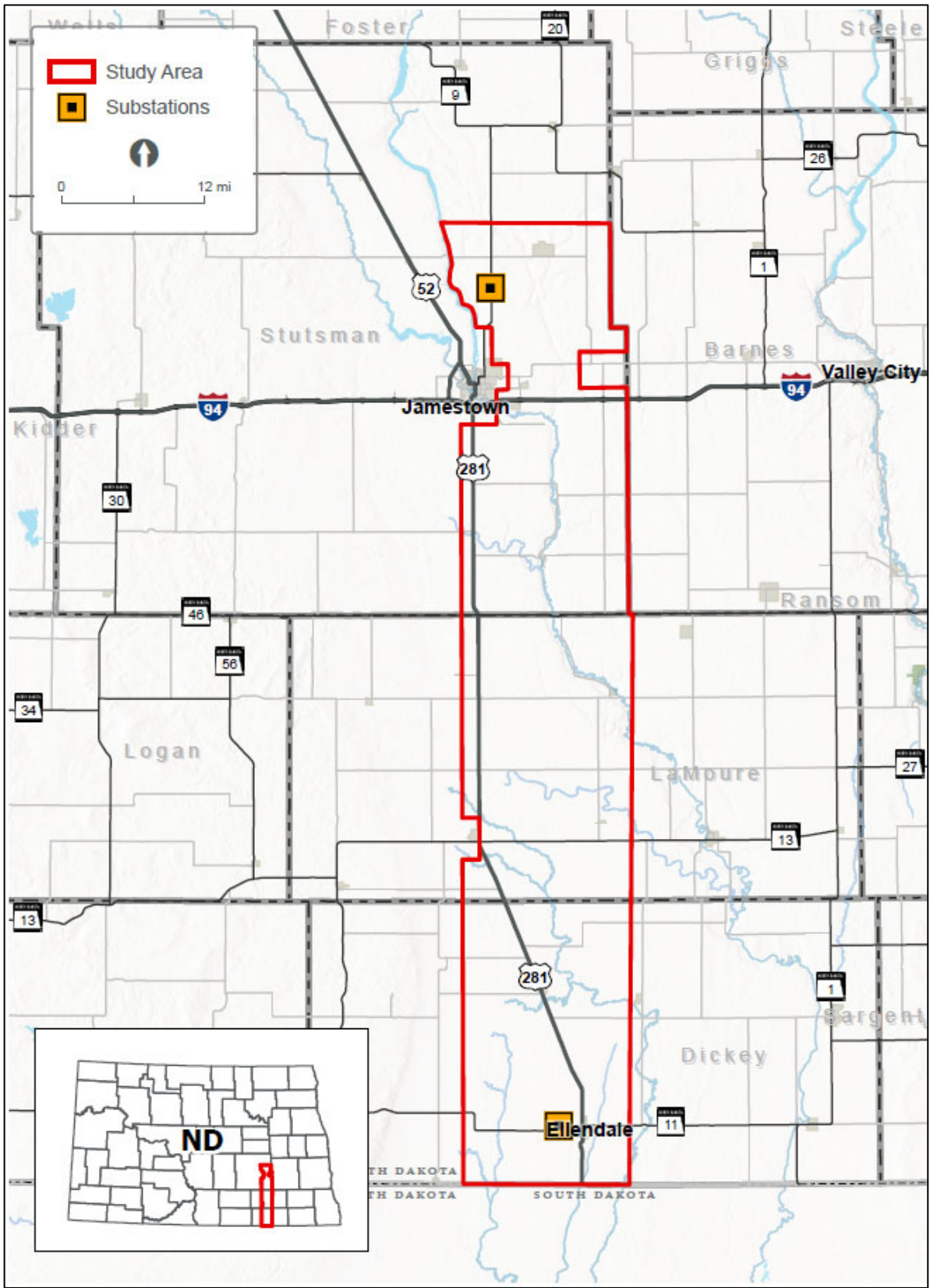
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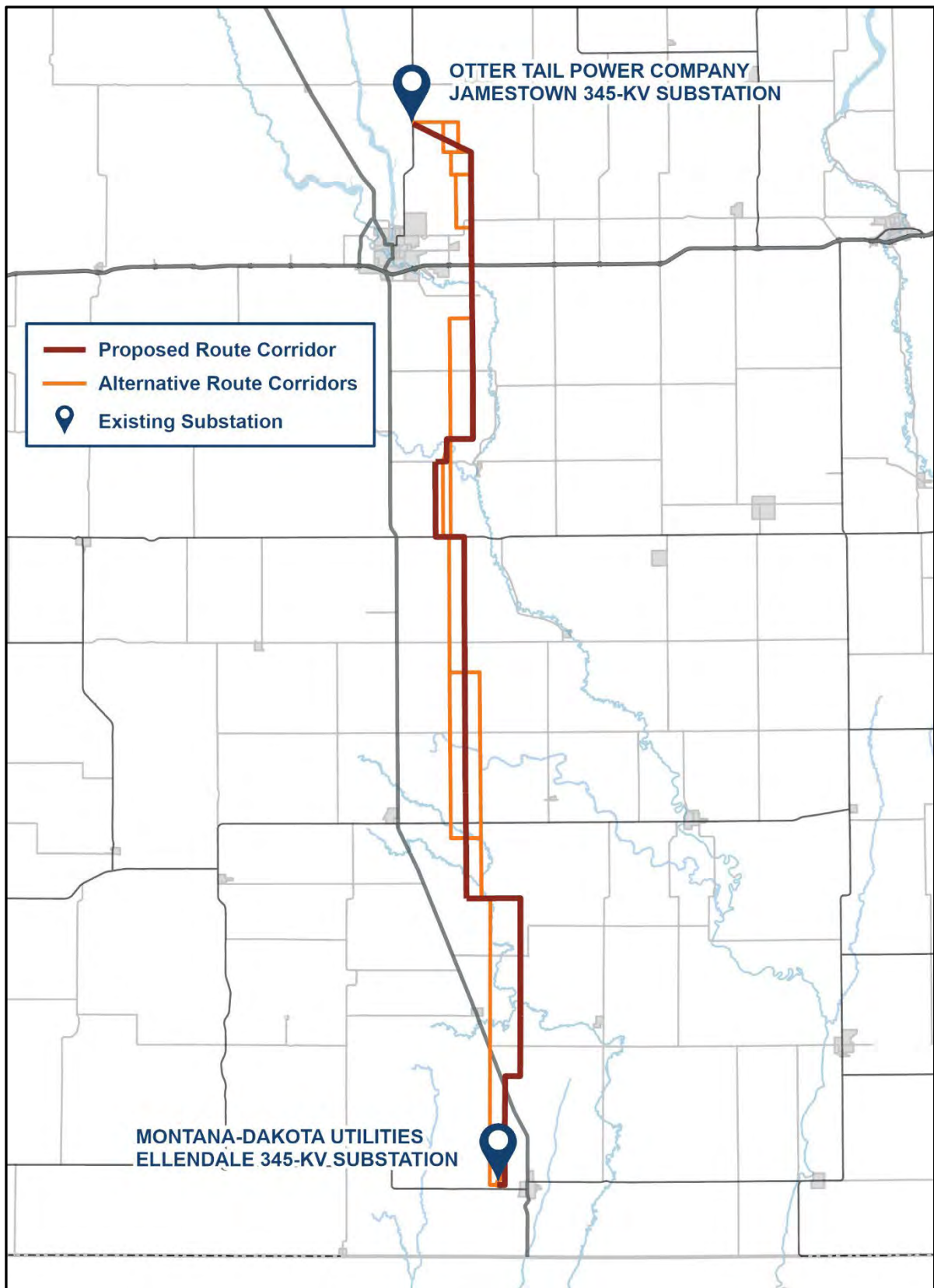
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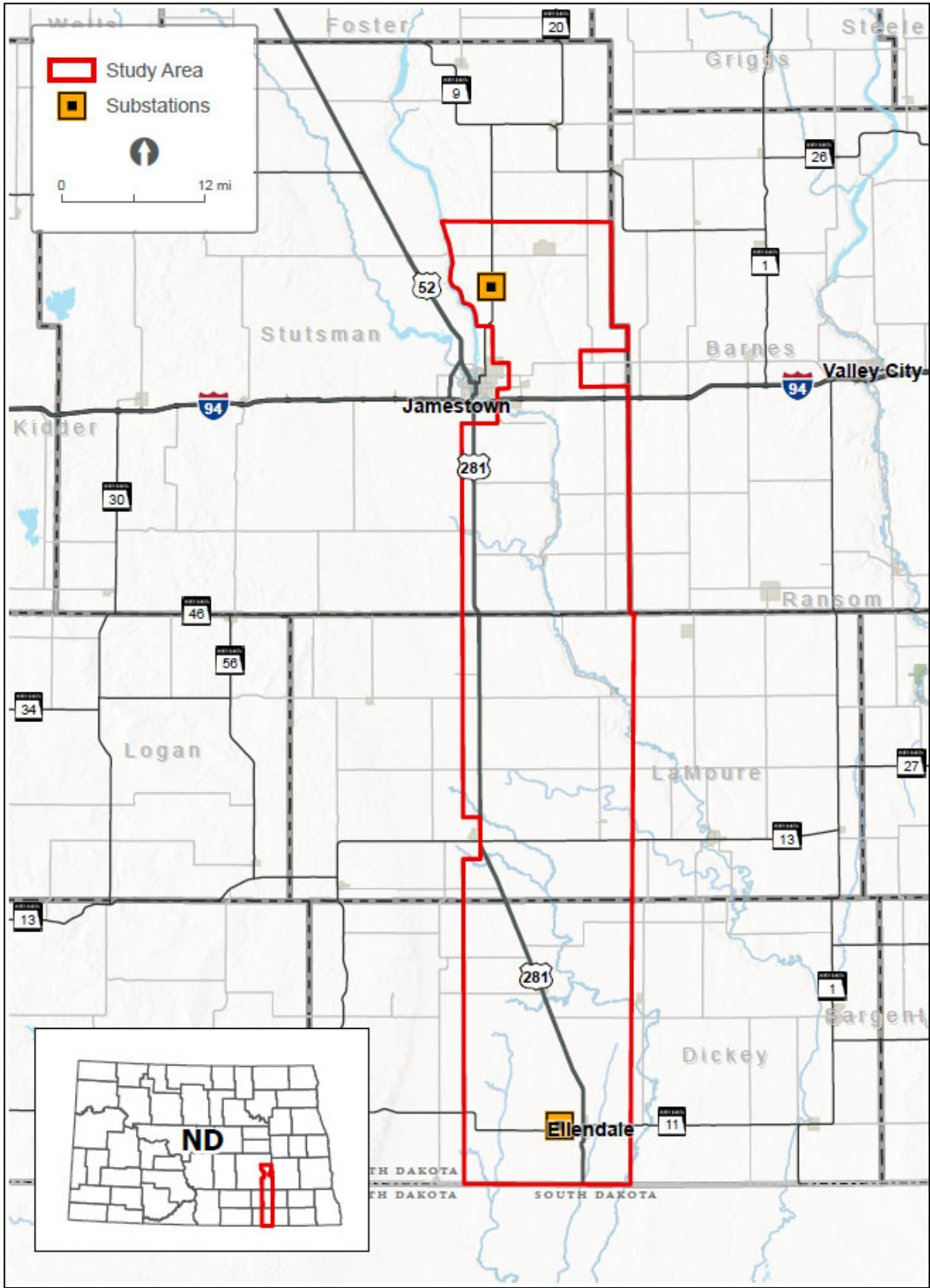
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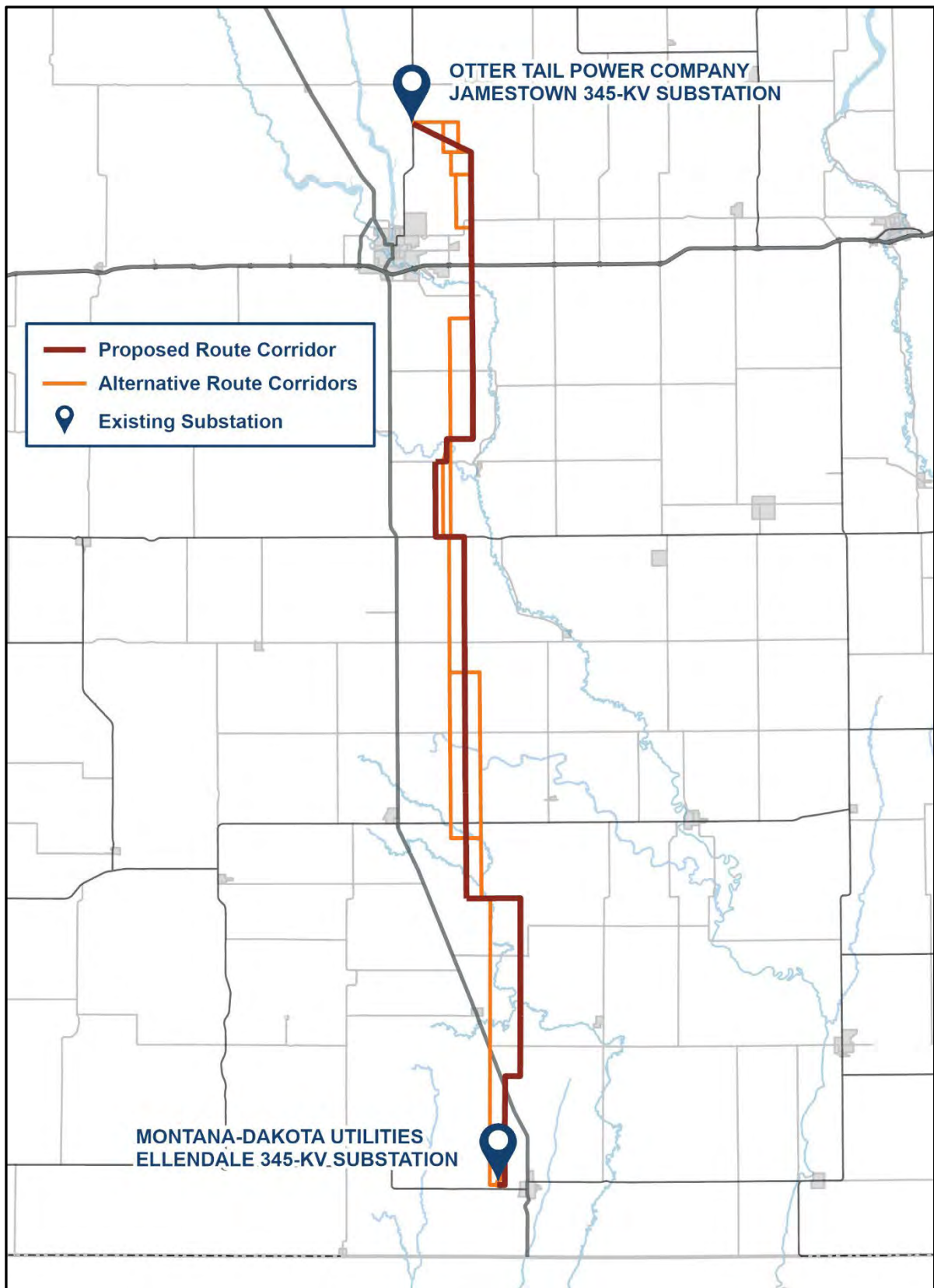
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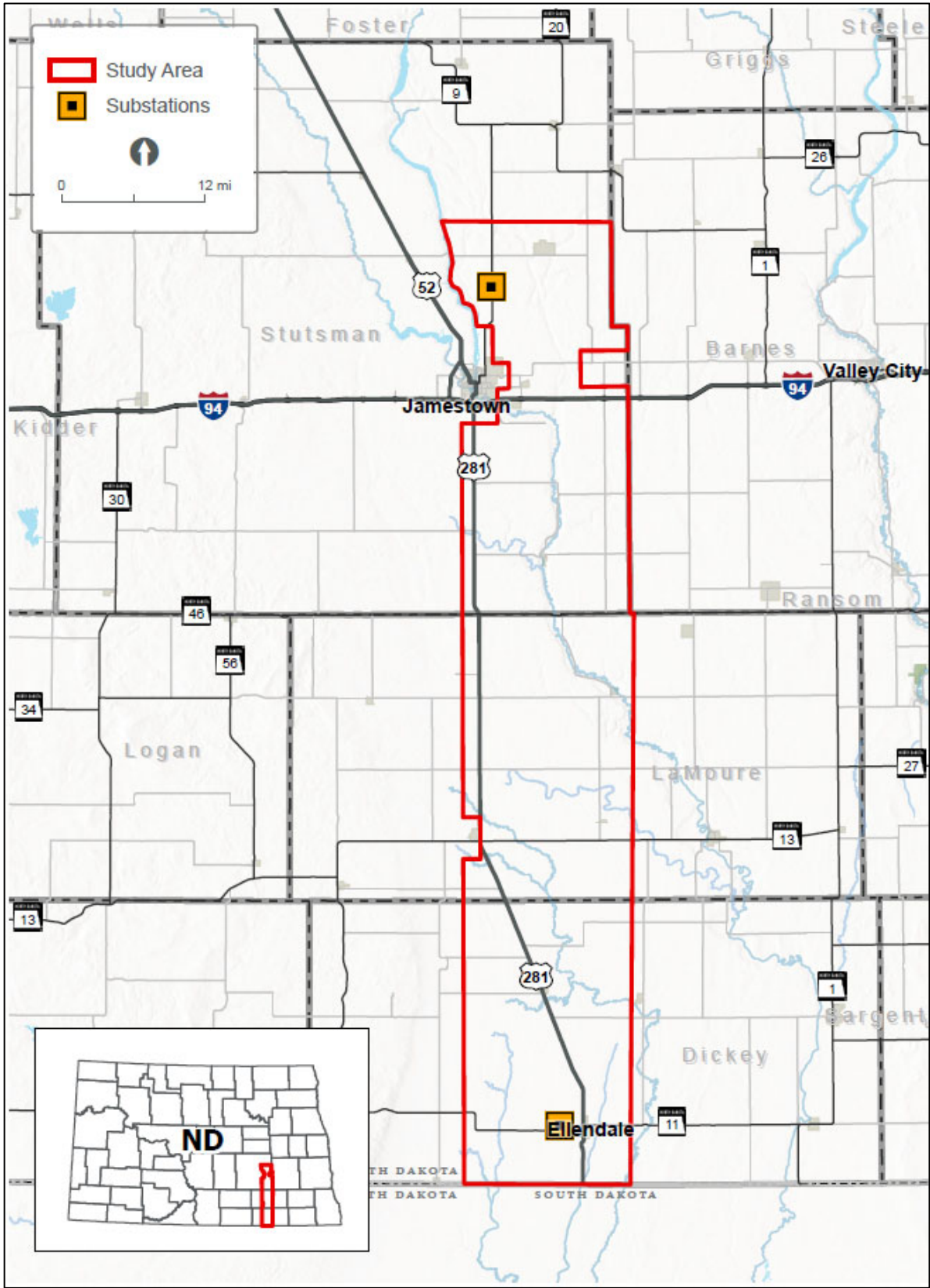
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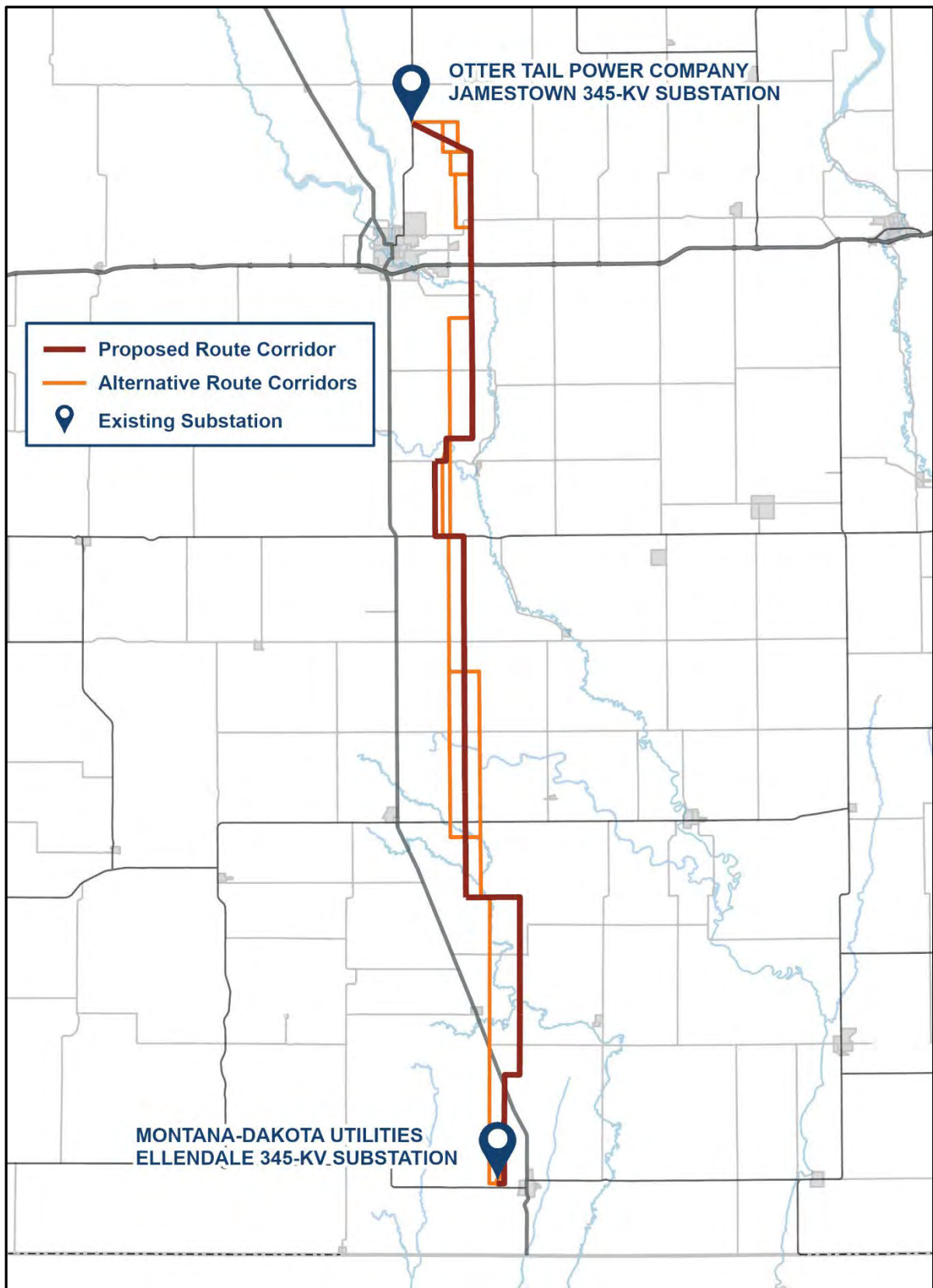
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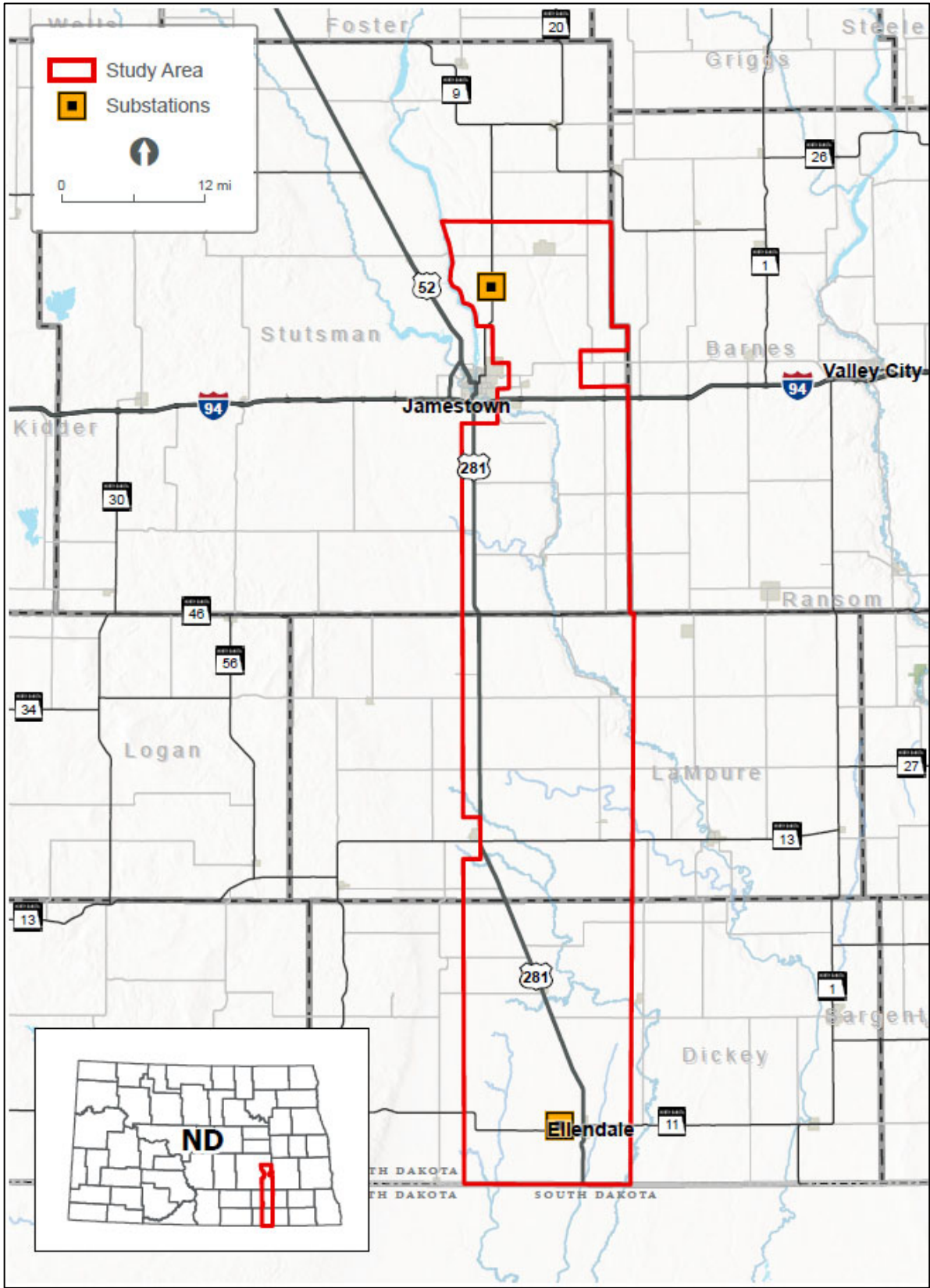
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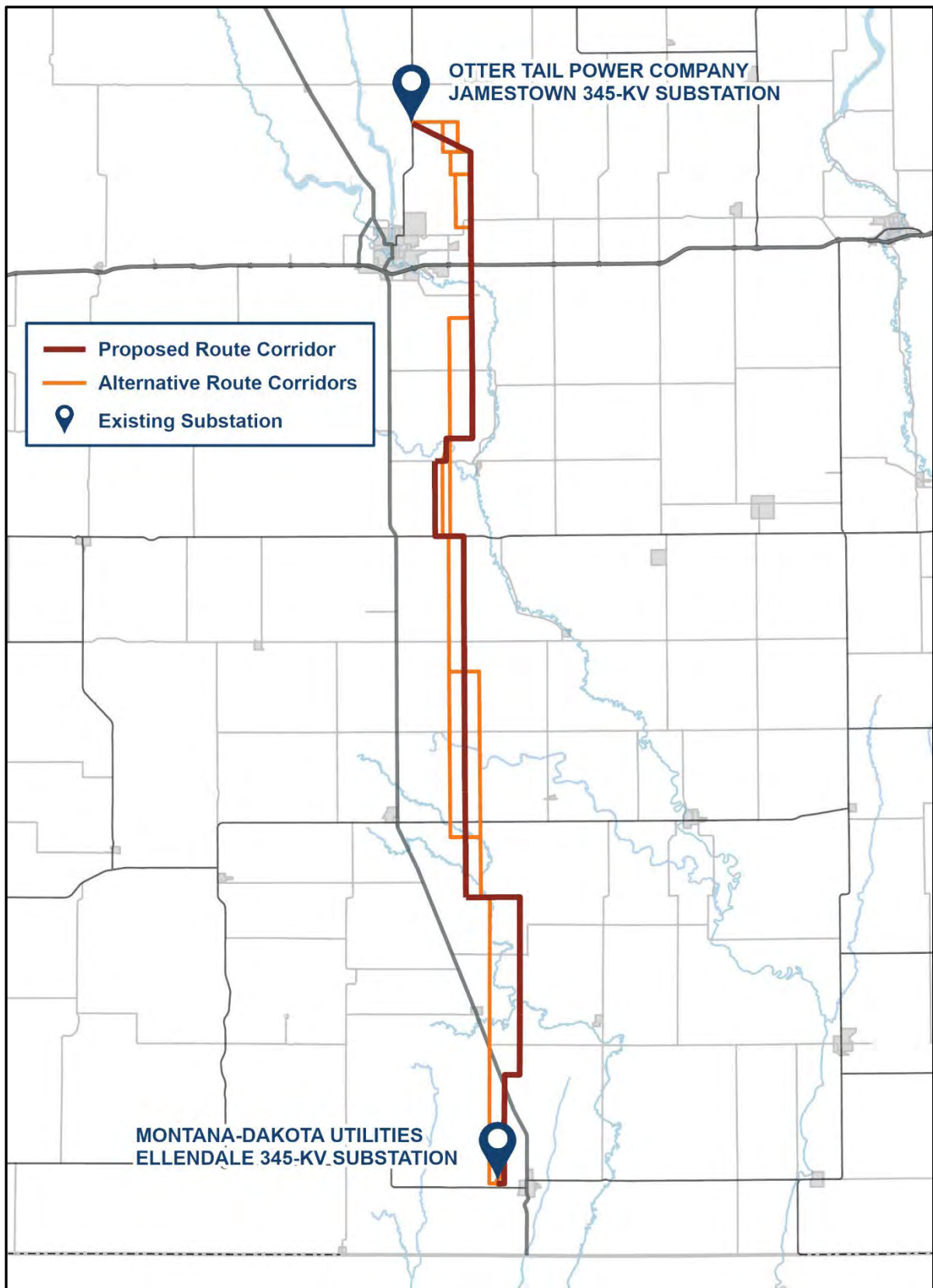
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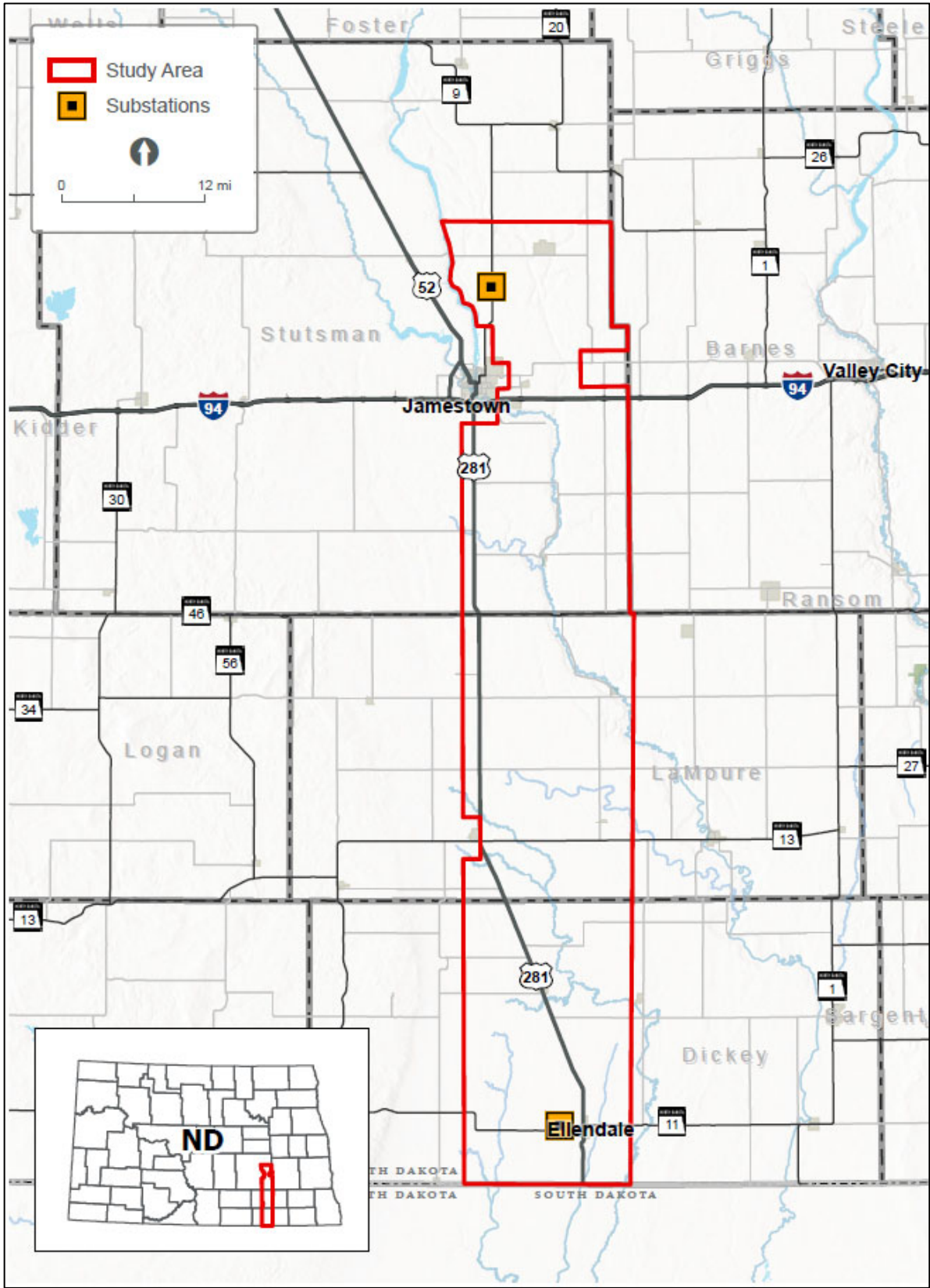
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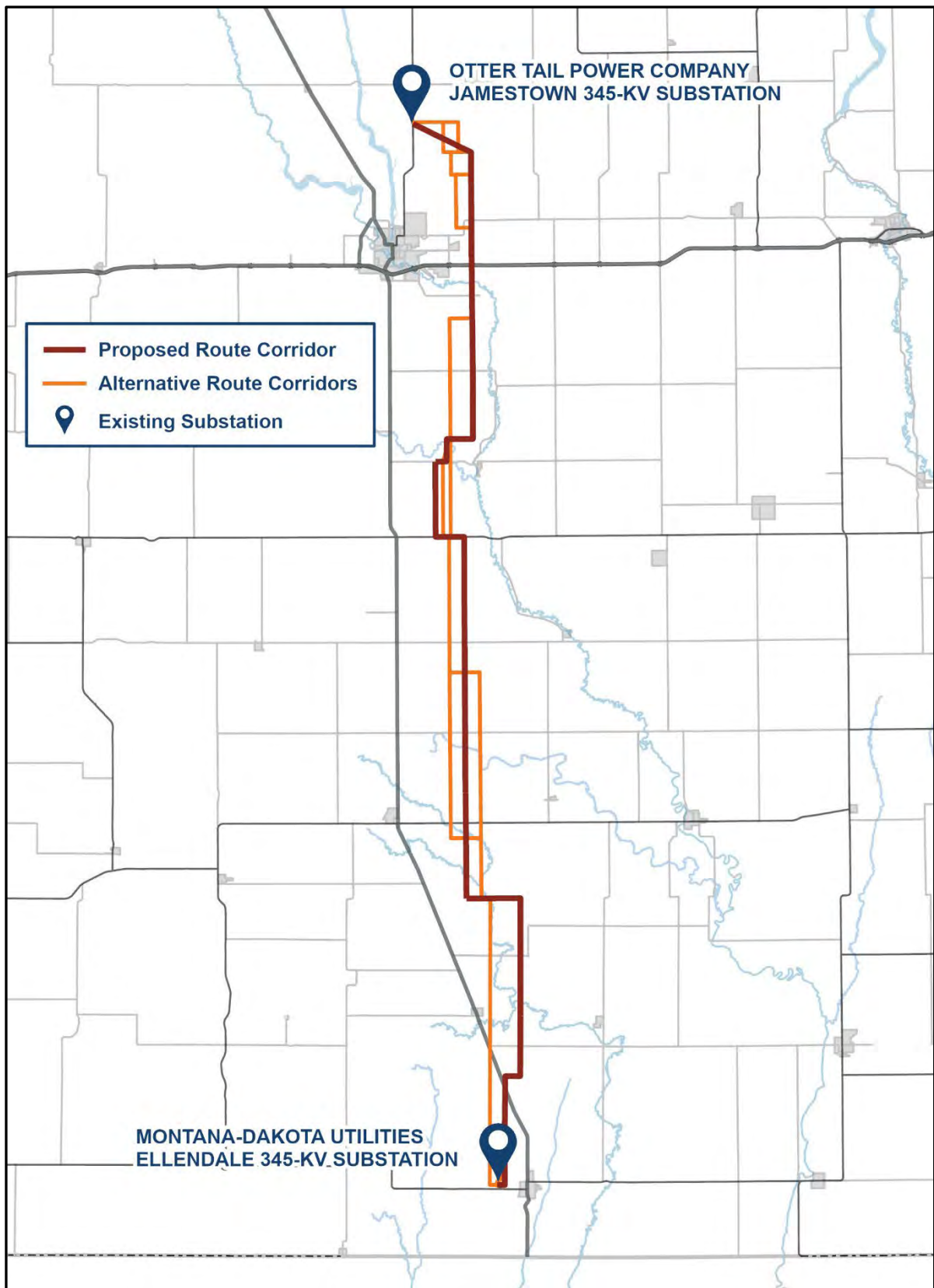
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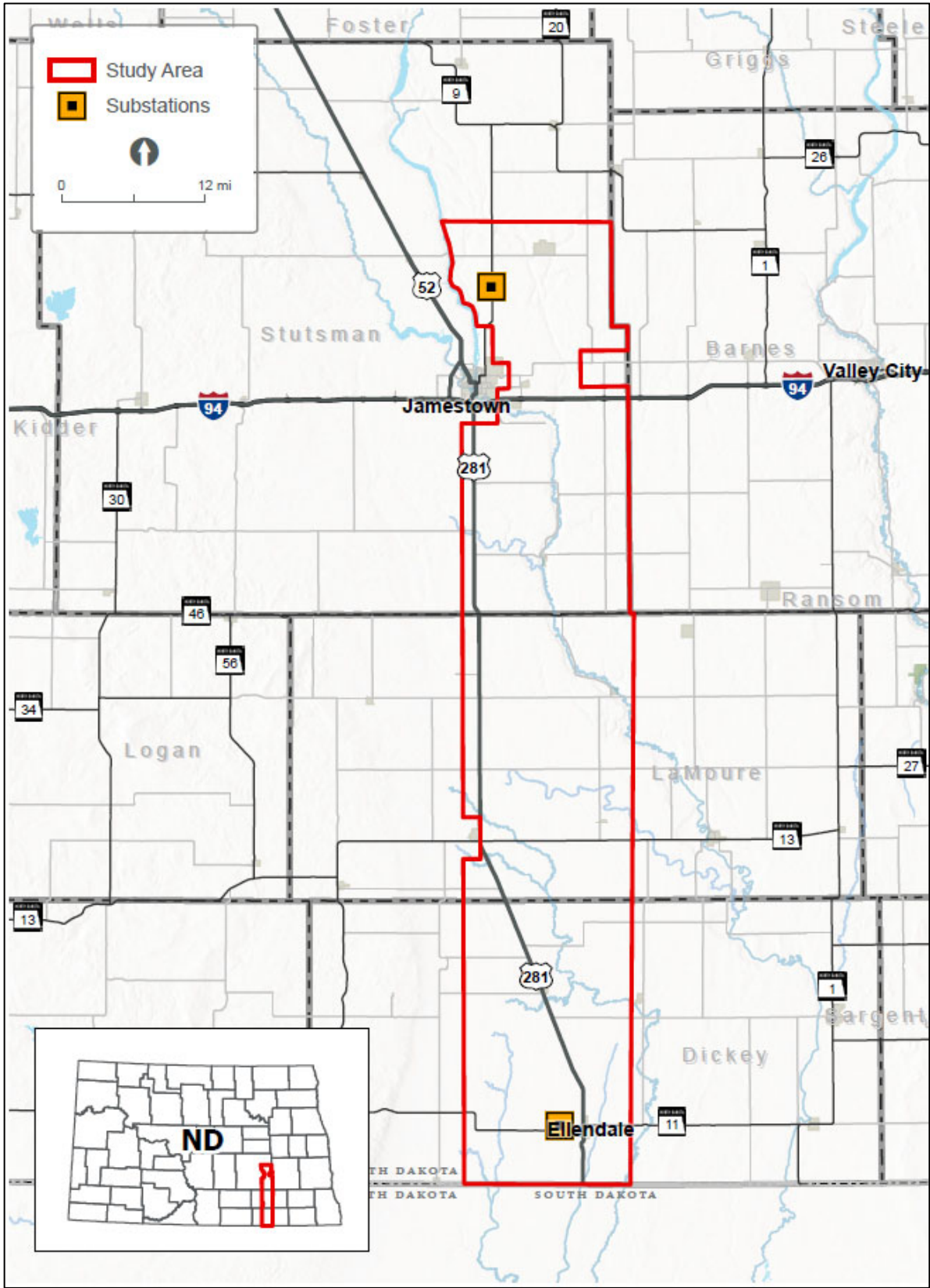
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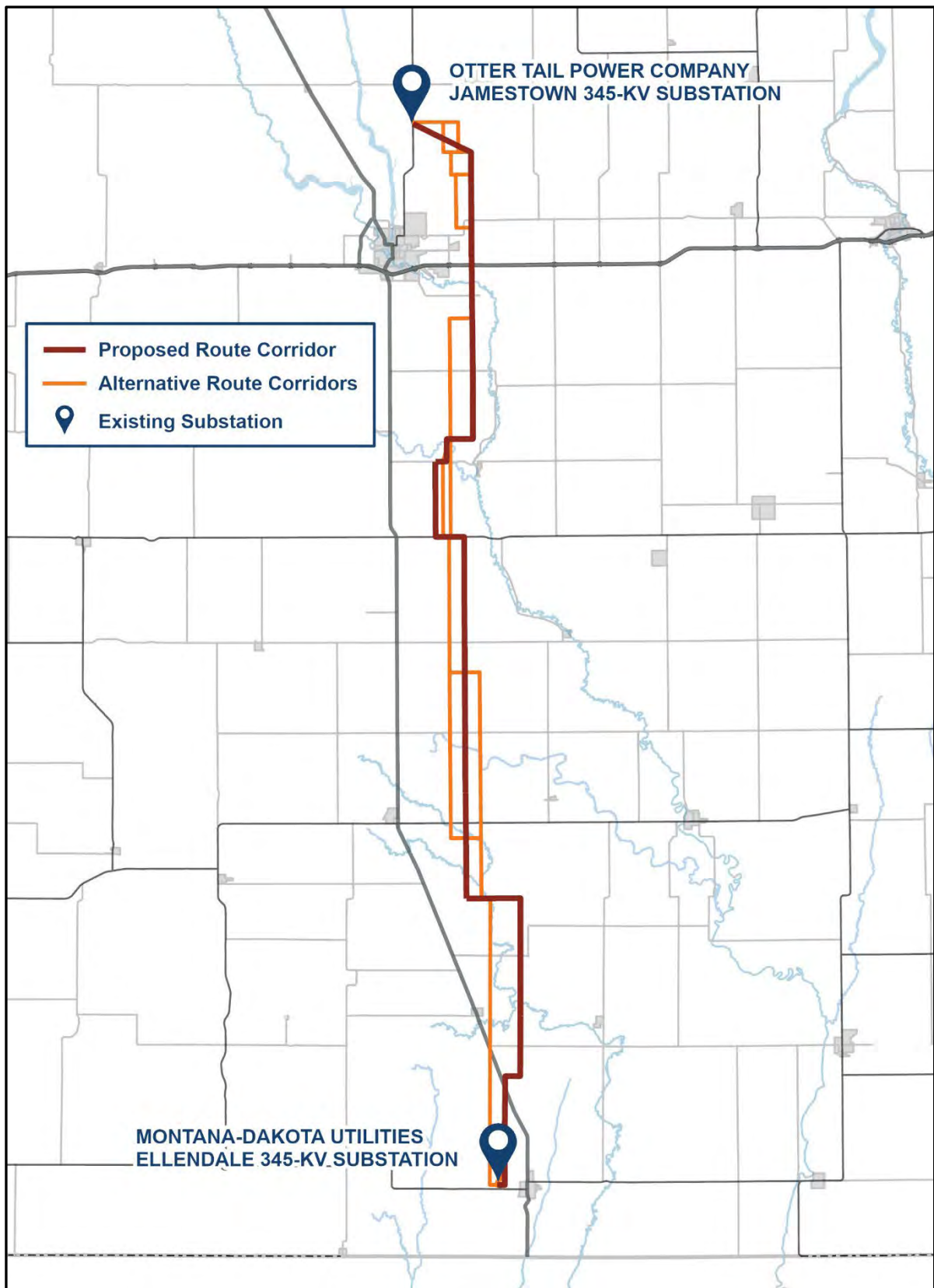
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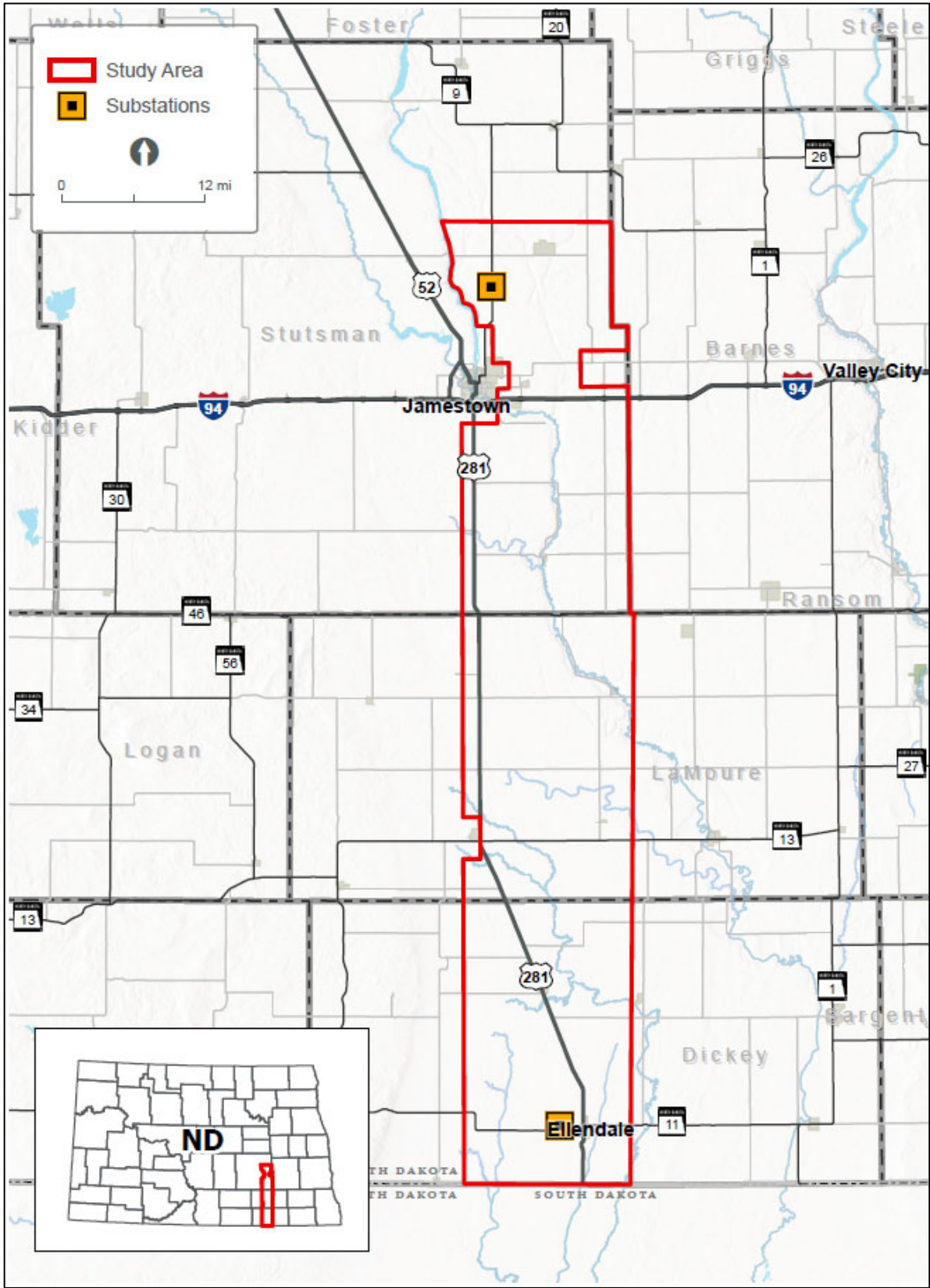
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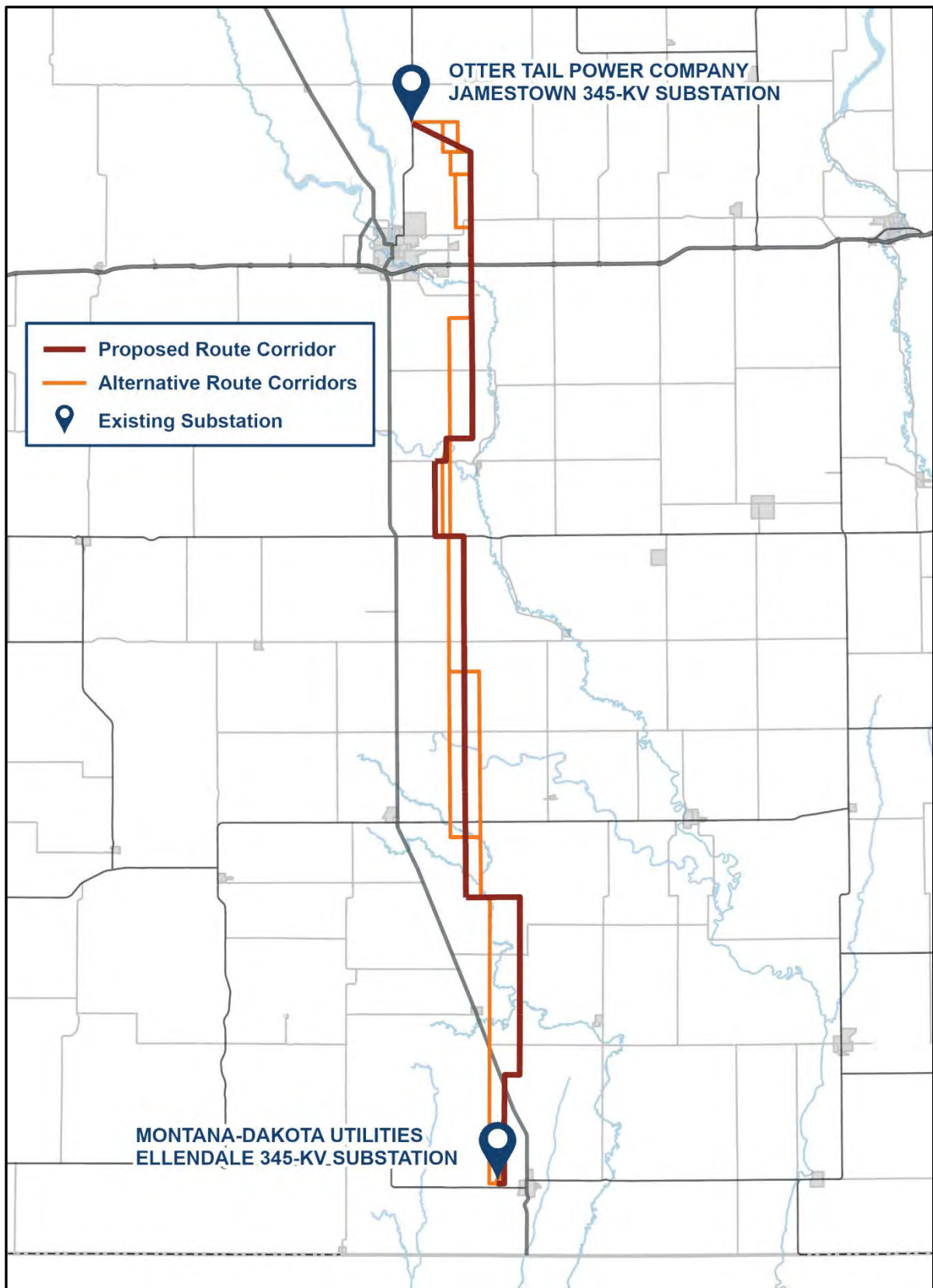
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