

Case Number: 26-22

Case Description: Agassiz Transmission Line & Substation - Cass Cty

Analyst Initials: RF

Original Dollar Value of Investment in ND	75,000,000.00
Application Investment Amount in ND	75,000,000.00
Total Investment	<u><u>75,000,000.00</u></u>

Note: Email from company or docketed case files must be attached as support for Total Investment Amount

		PSC Accounting use only:	
Siting Application Fee	100,000.00	7800 - 301 - 420260	JE: <u>2604954</u>
Siting Admin Fee*	15,000.00	1400 - 510 - 464160	JE: <u>2604954</u>
Total Fees Due	<u><u>115,000.00</u></u>		

Siting Admin Fee:

- * For new or transfer siting applications only. Not amendments.
- *Per NDCC 49.22.1-21 & 49-22-22, \$200 for each \$1 million of original investment, not to exceed \$50,000

Siting Application Fee:

- Per NDCC 49.22.1-21 & 49-22-22, For a certificate of site compatibility, \$500 for each \$1 M of investment in the facility. Not less than \$10k or more than \$100k.
- Per NDCC 49.22.1-21 & 49-22-22, For a certificate of corridor compatibility, \$5,000 for each \$1 M of investment in the facility. Not less than \$10k or more than \$100k.
- Per NDCC 49.22.1-21 & 49-22-22, For an amendment, amount to be determined by commission to cover expenses, discuss with PUD Director.
- Excess Application Fee is refundable.

This form will be docketed in the case file after funds have been deposited by PSC Accounting. 

5. **Construction:** MPC anticipates construction will begin in April 2026 following receipt of the PSC Certificate and Route Permit, as well as other necessary local permits, and be completed by December 2026.

6. **Test and Operations:** Target date of September to December 2026.

7. **Commercial Operation:** Target date of September to December 2026.

1.6 Project Ownership

MPC will own the proposed Project and manage its construction and operation. MPC will select a qualified third-party contractor to perform Project construction.

1.7 Project Cost

The total cost of the Project, including design, permitting, and construction, is estimated to be \$75 million.

2.0 NEED FOR FACILITY

2.1 Need Analysis

As discussed above, the Project is needed to supply power to CCEC and its members, including the large-load member that is currently under construction and scheduled to become operational in 2026. As the wholesale provider for CCEC, MPC's existing power grid will provide all power needed by the data center and other customers. CCEC will construct a distribution line connecting to the Agassiz Substation.

2.2 Alternatives Considered

MPC has determined that the Project Route is the most viable route as well as the route that best complies with the exclusion area, avoidance area, selection, and policy criteria identified in NDAC Section 69-06-08-02 (also see Section 8.5 of this application for further discussion). No other routes were considered because the proposed route (1) requires the least amount of new transmission line; (2) is collocated along the majority of the route; (3) is on land being sold or permitted by willing landowners; and (4) has minimal environmental impacts.

2.3 Ten-Year Plan

MPC filed an updated Ten-Year Plan with the Commission on July 1, 2024, pursuant to NDCC Section 49-22-04 (Case No. PU-24-265), and a copy is provided in Appendix A. MPC is regularly contacted by customers that have an interest in adding new load. While this Project is not specifically identified in the Ten-Year Plan, as no request had yet been made and no detailed plans developed, the Project is consistent with MPC's stated intention to address various identified future needs in its territory, and is being moved up in the project queue in order to accommodate interconnection requests for power supply.