

Case Number: PU-26-82

Case Description: Northern Plains Connector Transmission Project

Analyst Initials: RF

Original Dollar Value of Investment in ND	
Application Investment Amount in ND	3,200,000,000.00
<u>Total Investment</u>	<u>3,200,000,000.00</u>

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

Siting Application Fee	100,000.00	PSC Accounting use only:	
Siting Admin Fee*	50,000.00	7800 - 301 - 420260	JE: <u>2614279</u>
<u>Total Fees Due</u>	<u>150,000.00</u>	1400 - 510 - 464160	JE: <u>2614279</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. @ 2/25/2026

1.9 SCHEDULE

The total construction timeframe for the Project is anticipated to be approximately three to four years. North Plains anticipates starting construction in 2027 and placing the Project in service by the end of 2032.

North Plains estimates a peak construction workforce of approximately 400 workers in North Dakota. Construction is anticipated to occur year-round. Delays due to weather, material delivery, and natural resource time of year restrictions may extend the construction timeline.

Key schedule milestones are shown in Table 1.9-1.

TABLE 1.9-1 Anticipated Time Schedule	
Activity	Anticipated Completion
Obtain County/Township Conditional Use and Special Use Permits	
Golden Valley Conditional Use Permit	Complete
Slope County Conditional Use Permit	Complete
Hettinger County Conditional Use Permit	Complete
Havelock Township, Hettinger County Conditional Use Permit	Complete
Grant County Conditional Use Permit	Complete
Oliver County Conditional Use Permit	First Quarter 2026
Morton County Special Use Permit	Second Quarter 2026
Complete federal environmental review and federal lands acquisition	Third/Fourth Quarter 2026
Obtain the Certificate and Route Permit	Fourth Quarter 2026
Complete private and state lands right-of-way acquisition	Fourth Quarter 2026
Start construction (Montana)	Third Quarter 2027
Start construction (North Dakota)	Third Quarter 2027
Complete construction	Fourth Quarter 2031
Testing operations	First Quarter 2032
Commence commercial operation	Fourth Quarter 2032

1.10 FUTURE ASSOCIATED FACILITIES

North Plains has no plans for additional facilities, upgrades, or improvements for the Project. Should North Plains seek to develop additional facilities in the future, or expand the Project, all necessary permits and approvals would be obtained.

1.11 COST

The total cost of the Project is estimated to be approximately \$3.2 billion. The total cost of North Plains Connector is approximately \$6 billion.

2.0 REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

This section describes the primary federal and state regulations and guidance the Project must follow, including for routing decisions and environmental review.