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9 April 2026

Hope L. Hogan, Director
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2911 North 14th Street – Suite 303
Bismarck, ND 58503

Re:
North Plains Connector, LLC
North Plains Connector Transmission Project
Siting Application
Case No. PU-26-82

Dear Ms. Hogan:

Enclosed is a request for an Administrative Law Judge for the above-captioned case. The Commission has not yet issued a Notice of Hearing. When the Notice is issued, we will forward it to your office.

The Administrative Law Judge will serve as a procedural law judge, and the hearing will be electronically recorded.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Martens".

Christopher Martens
Special Assistant Attorney General

Enclosures

c: w/encl. via e-mail only

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Attachment
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REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE--APPEAL, APPLICATION, OR PETITION
 NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
 SFN 17819 (Rev. 06-2007)

Name of Agency, Board, or Commission
 North Dakota Public Service Commission

The above named agency, board, or commission requests designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings for the North Plains Connector, LLC, North Plains Connector Transmission Project, Siting
Application, PSC Case No. PU-26-82

(e.g., application of [name], appeal of [name], petition of [name]). Authority for the administrative action is found in North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22 (North Dakota Century Code and/or North Dakota Administrative Code).

Please attach related documents and correspondence.

The administrative action is more fully described as follows:
 On 20 February 2026, North Plains Connector submitted an application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for the North Plains Connector Transmission Project in Golden Valley, Slope, Hettinger, Grant, Morton & Oliver Cty

It requests designation of an administrative law judge (please check one):

- To conduct the hearing and issue recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.
- To serve as a procedural administrative law judge only (no recommended decision). The agency head will be present at the hearing as required by NDCC 28-32-31(5). See NDCC 54-57-04.
- To conduct the hearing, issue findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a final order.


PLEASE MAKE A REQUEST FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE HEARING.

Please list parties, including the agency if it is a Party, and Representation [attorney (or other)] if known, or Agency Contact: (Attach separate list if necessary.)

AGENCY	Address	Telephone Number
See attached		
Representation	Address	Telephone Number
PARTY	Address	Telephone Number
Representation	Address	Telephone Number
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Additional Comments
 A Notice of Hearing has not yet been issued. We will forward the Notice to you once it is available.

(For agencies required to use OAH, notice of hearing will be issued by the administrative law judge, unless a procedural administrative law judge is requested. Other requesting agencies and agencies requesting a procedural administrative law judge should first contact OAH about scheduling a hearing. If notice has already been issued, attach a copy of the notice.)

Typed or Printed Name and Title of Requesting Person Christopher Martens, Special Assistant Attorney General	Date 4/9/2026
Signature of Requesting Person 	Telephone Number (701) 328-7660