

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

North Plains Connector LLC
North Plains Connector Transmission Project
Siting Application

Case No. PU-26-82

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Geralyn R. Schmaltz deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **30th day of July 2026**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, one envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Notice of Public Hearings**

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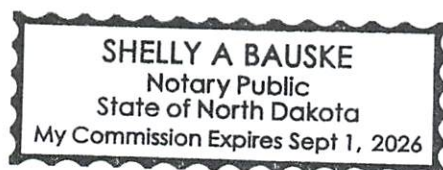
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Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **30th day of July 2026**.



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Notary Public

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

On February 2, 2026, North Plains Connector LLC filed an application with the Public Service Commission for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for a high-voltage direct current transmission line approximately 168-miles long, and associated 345-kV transmission lines, approximately 74-miles long, in Golden Valley, Slope, Hettinger, Oliver, Morton, and Grant Counties, North Dakota. A map showing the project location is attached.

The Commission has determined that two separate public hearings will be held and scheduled as follows, with each providing overview of the project, but focusing on specific geographic portions of the project in the specific areas of each hearing.

September 2, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. Central Time at the Ed “Bosh” Froehlich Commission Room, Mandan City Hall, 205 2nd Avenue Northwest, Mandan, ND 58554. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in **Oliver, Morton, and Grant Counties, North Dakota.**

September 3, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. Mountain Time at the Enchanted Castle, 607 Main Street, Regent, ND 58650. This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in **Golden Valley, Slope, and Hettinger Counties, North Dakota.**

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

1. Will construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility at the proposed location produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Is the proposed facility compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility at the proposed location minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.

Issued: July 27, 2026
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Sheri Haugen-Hoffart
Commissioner



Randy Christmann
Chair



Jill Kringstad
Commissioner

