

August 21, 2026

VIA E-MAIL AND FEDEX

Mr. Brian Johnson
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: In the Matter of the Consolidated Application of North Plains Connector LLC
for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for the North
Plains Connector Transmission Project in Golden Valley, Slope, Hettinger,
Grant, Morton, and Oliver Counties, North Dakota
Case No. PU-26-82**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In connection with the above-referenced docket, North Plains Connector LLC ("North Plains") provides an original and seven (7) binders containing proposed hearing exhibits:

- Exhibit 1: North Plains Connector LLC's Consolidated Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Transmission Facility Route Permit
[previously provided]
- Exhibit 2: North Plains Connector Overview Map
- Exhibit 3: Local Zoning Approvals (Oliver County CUP and Morton County SUP and Variance)
- Exhibit 4: Route and Corridor Adjustment Maps
- Exhibit 5: Water Resource/Management District Correspondence (*to be provided*)
- Exhibit 6: County Weed Board Approval Correspondence
- Exhibit 7: Certification Relating to Order Provisions
- Exhibit 8: Letters of Support (ALLETE, Inc. and Minnkota Power Cooperative)
- Exhibit 9: Updated Potential Permits and Approvals Table
- Exhibit 10: Programmatic Agreement
- Exhibit 11: State Historical Society of North Dakota Correspondence
- Exhibit 12: North Dakota Game and Fish Department Correspondence
- Exhibit 13: Summary of Avoidance and Minimization Measures
- Exhibit 14: Brant Johnson Pre-Filed Direct Testimony
- Exhibit 14-A: Brant Johnson Curriculum Vitae
- Exhibit 15: John Kuba Pre-Filed Direct Testimony
- Exhibit 15-A: John Kuba Curriculum Vitae
- Exhibit 16: Public Hearing Presentation

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Pre-Filed Proposed Hearing Exhibit List and
Proposed Exhibits 1 through 16

North Plains Connector LLC
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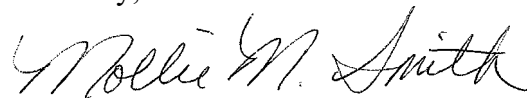
Please note that we are sending binders directly to Ms. Hogan and Mr. Pelham, with six of the binders being delivered to the Commission. Also enclosed in the submission to the Commission is a USB drive containing GIS data (public data only) pertaining to the Route and Corridor Adjustment Maps (Exhibit 4).

Also, please note that North Plains plans to offer the above-referenced proposed hearing exhibits as exhibits at the technical hearing on September 1, 2026. Thus, the index and the tabs in the binders will correspond to the numbered exhibits North Plains presents at the technical hearing. Since binders are being provided in advance, North Plains does not plan to bring binders for the Commission, Commission counsel, and Commission staff to the hearing.

Electronic copies of this letter and the above-referenced proposed hearing exhibits were filed with the Commission today via e-mail.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mollie M. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MOLLIE M. SMITH

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Enclosures

cc: Hope Hogan (via e-mail and Federal Express, with one copy of enclosures)
Rob Frank (via e-mail)
Zachary Pelham (via e-mail and Federal Express, with one copy of enclosures)
Brant Johnson (via e-mail)
Cally Peterson (via e-mail)