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Public Hearing Presentation

North Plains Connector Transmission Project

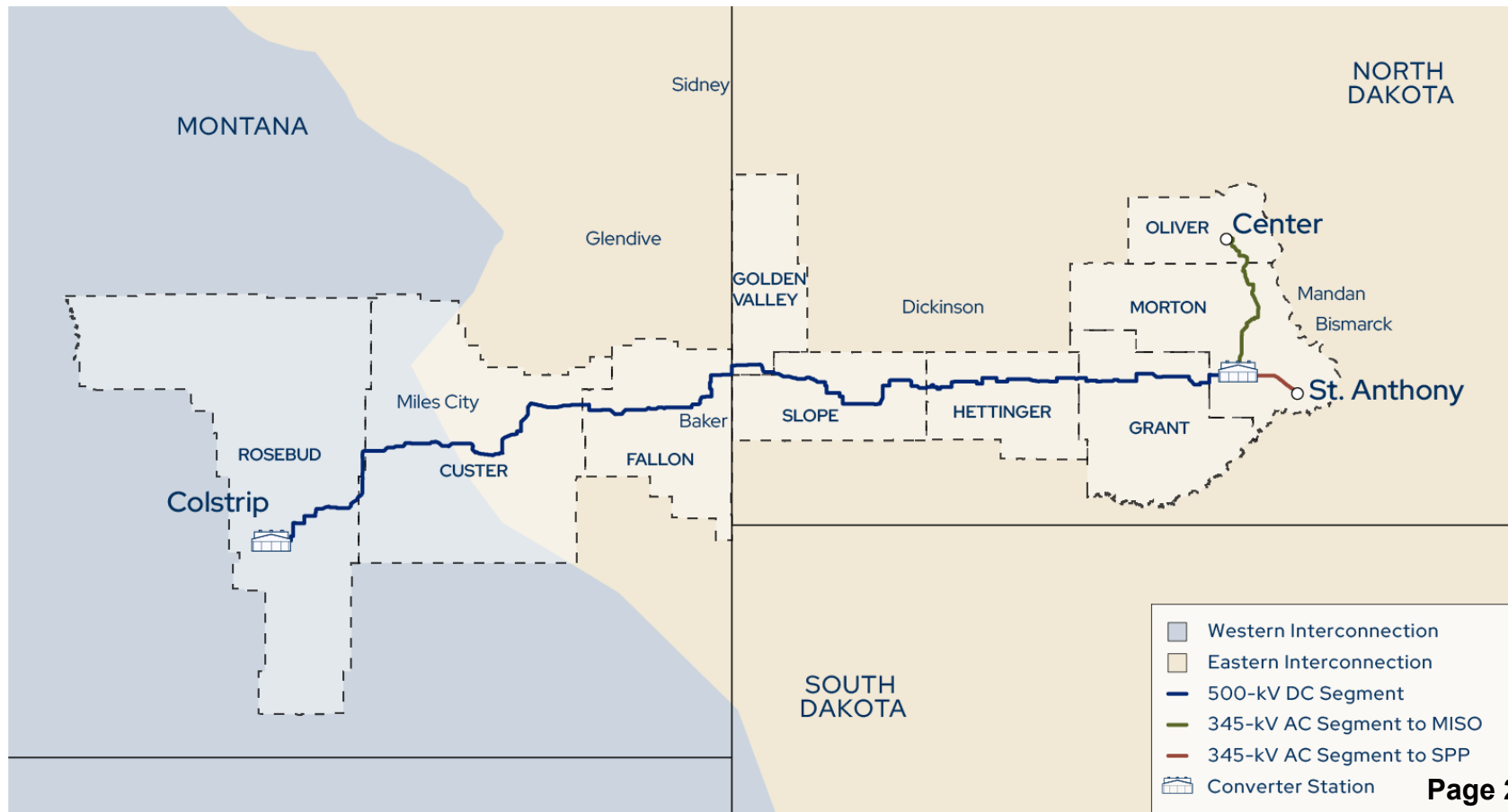
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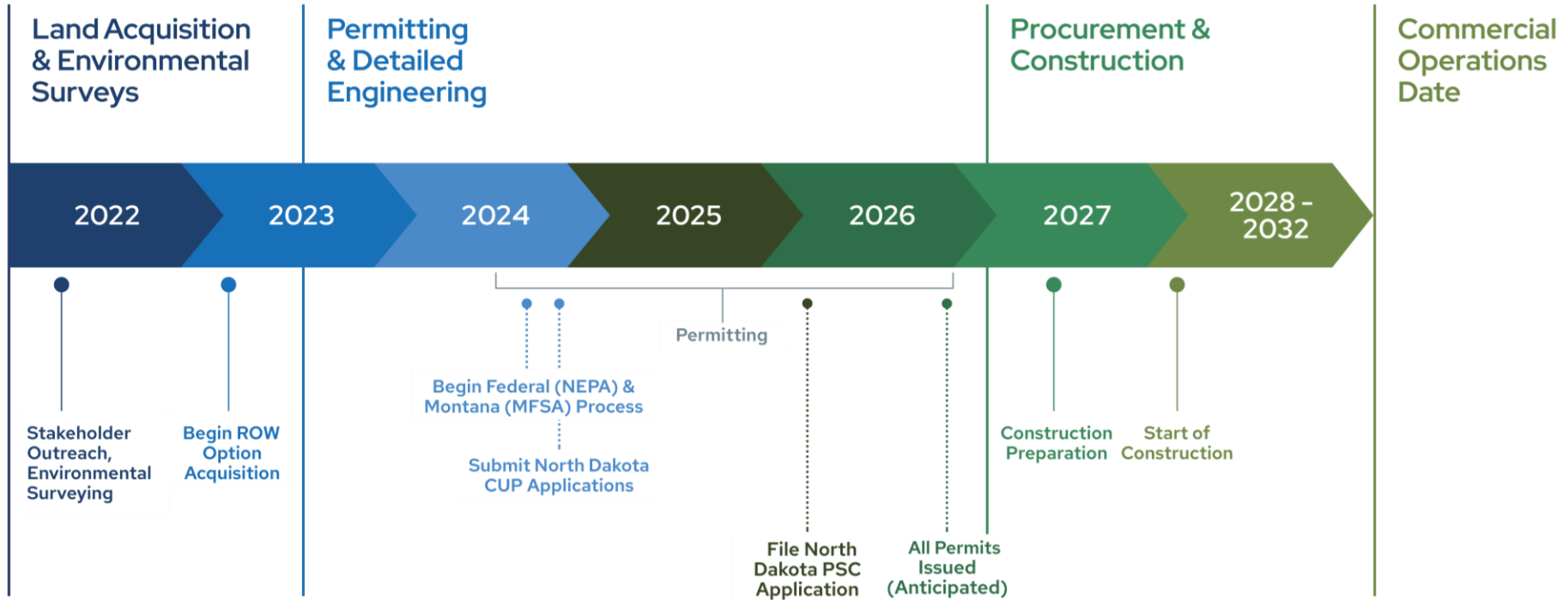
Creating a more resilient, efficient electrical system to benefit all consumers

- Connects the eastern and western U.S. electric grids in North Dakota and Montana
- Transports electrical power of all generation sources
- Moves power bidirectionally in response to demand
- Enhances grid stability and operational flexibility
- Strengthens transfer capacity between RTOs/ISOs (MISO, SPP and WECC) and across regional grid seams



Project History and Schedule

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Federal

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Review required for:
 - (1) federal grant (U.S. Department of Energy)
 - (2) authorizations to cross federal lands (Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service)
 - Notice of Intent published Oct. 24
 - Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) published Jan. 2026
 - Final EIS anticipated Aug. 2026
 - Record of Decision anticipated Sept. 2026

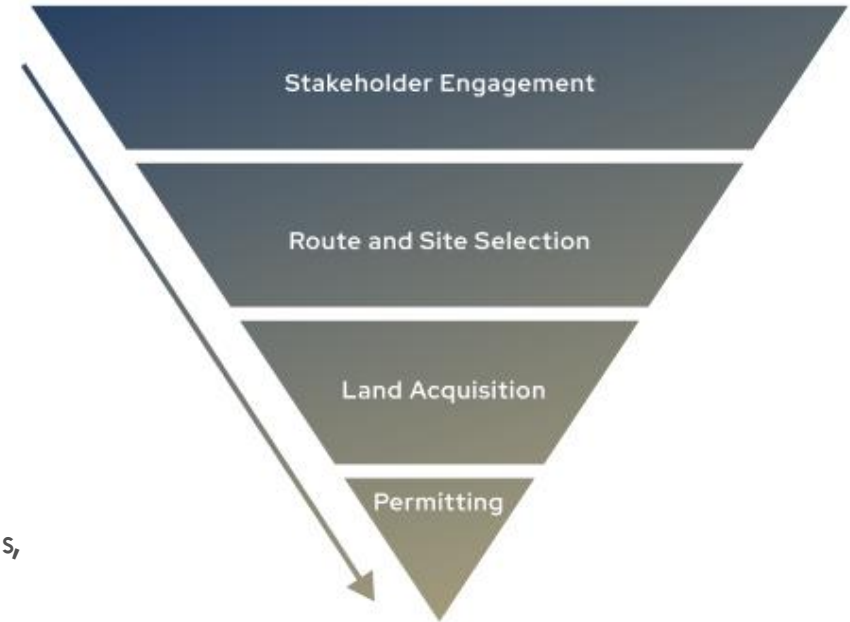
Montana

- Montana Major Facility Siting Act (MFSA)
Certificate of Compliance
 - Submitted to Montana Department of Environmental Quality Sept. 2024, deemed complete in Sept. 2025
 - Certificate anticipated Sept. 2026



Iterative route development process with key stakeholders

- Agency and Tribal engagement
 - Received input on surveys/studies and route selection
 - Ongoing coordination to identify environmental and land use constraints
- Landowner engagement
 - Identified workable route in coordination with individual landowners
 - Have land options in place with 99% of N.D. landowners
- Local engagement
 - Conditional use or special use permits granted by Golden Valley, Slope, Hettinger, Grant, Morton and Oliver counties, and Havelock Township
 - Weed Management Plan approved by all county weed boards in project area
 - County and township engagement on road-use agreements



NPC Development Approach



Desktop
analysis



Surveys/studies



Siting criteria
compliance

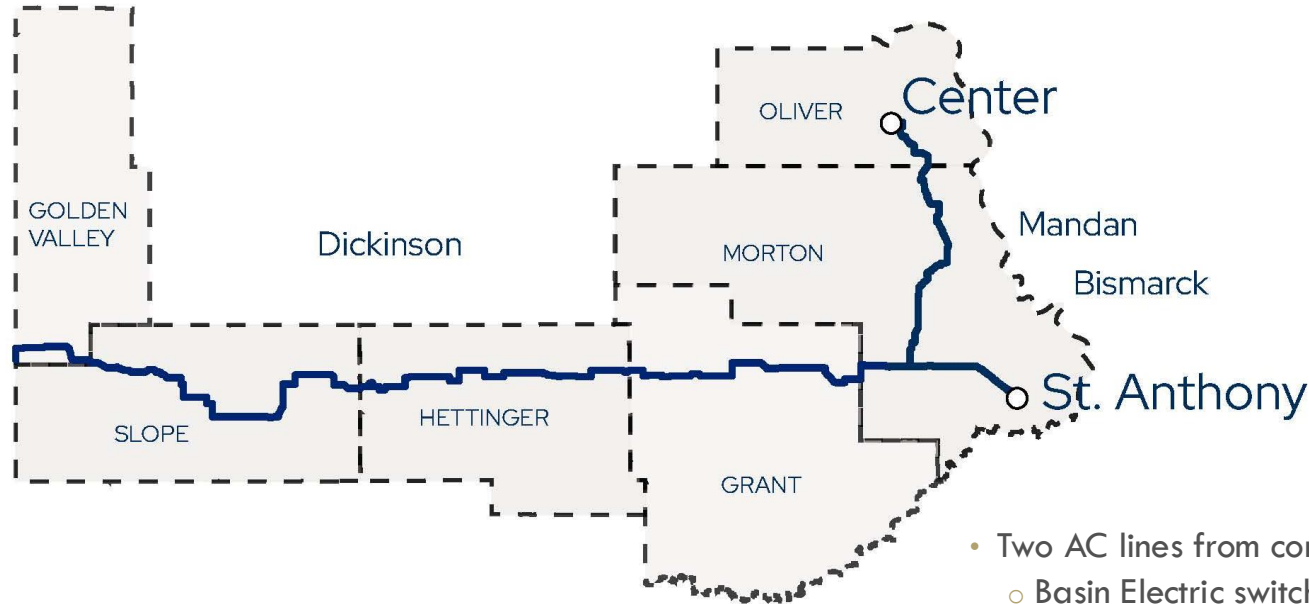
- Desktop analysis to identify routing constraints and opportunities
- Surveys/studies:
 - Land use
 - Communications
 - Existing infrastructure
 - Cultural resources
 - Wetlands and waterbodies
 - Wildlife, including federally protected species/habitat
 - Vegetation
 - Geotechnical
- North Plains Connector used this analysis, along with stakeholder engagement, to:
 - Confirm the proposed Corridor and Route comply with N.D. PSC exclusion area, avoidance area, selection and policy criteria
 - Ensure the Project will avoid or minimize potential adverse human and environmental effects

North Dakota Project Corridor and Route

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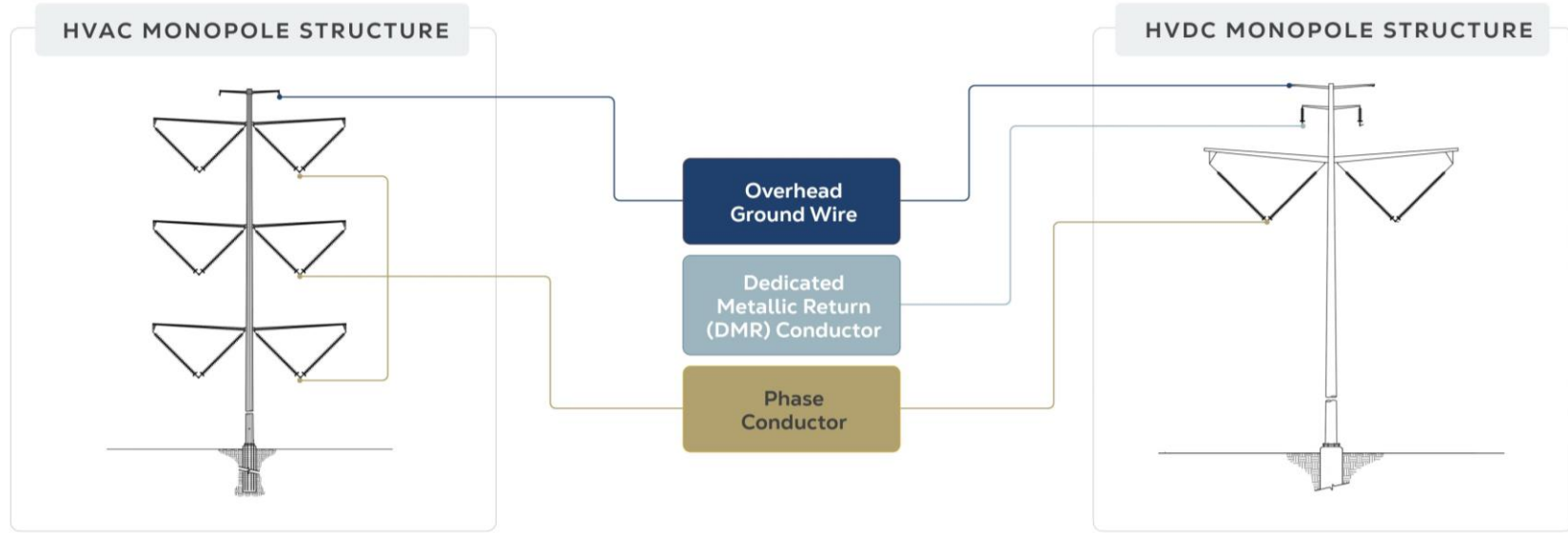


- Crosses six counties in North Dakota: Golden Valley, Slope, Hettinger, Grant, Morton and Oliver



- DC line from western North Dakota border to converter station 4 miles north of Flasher

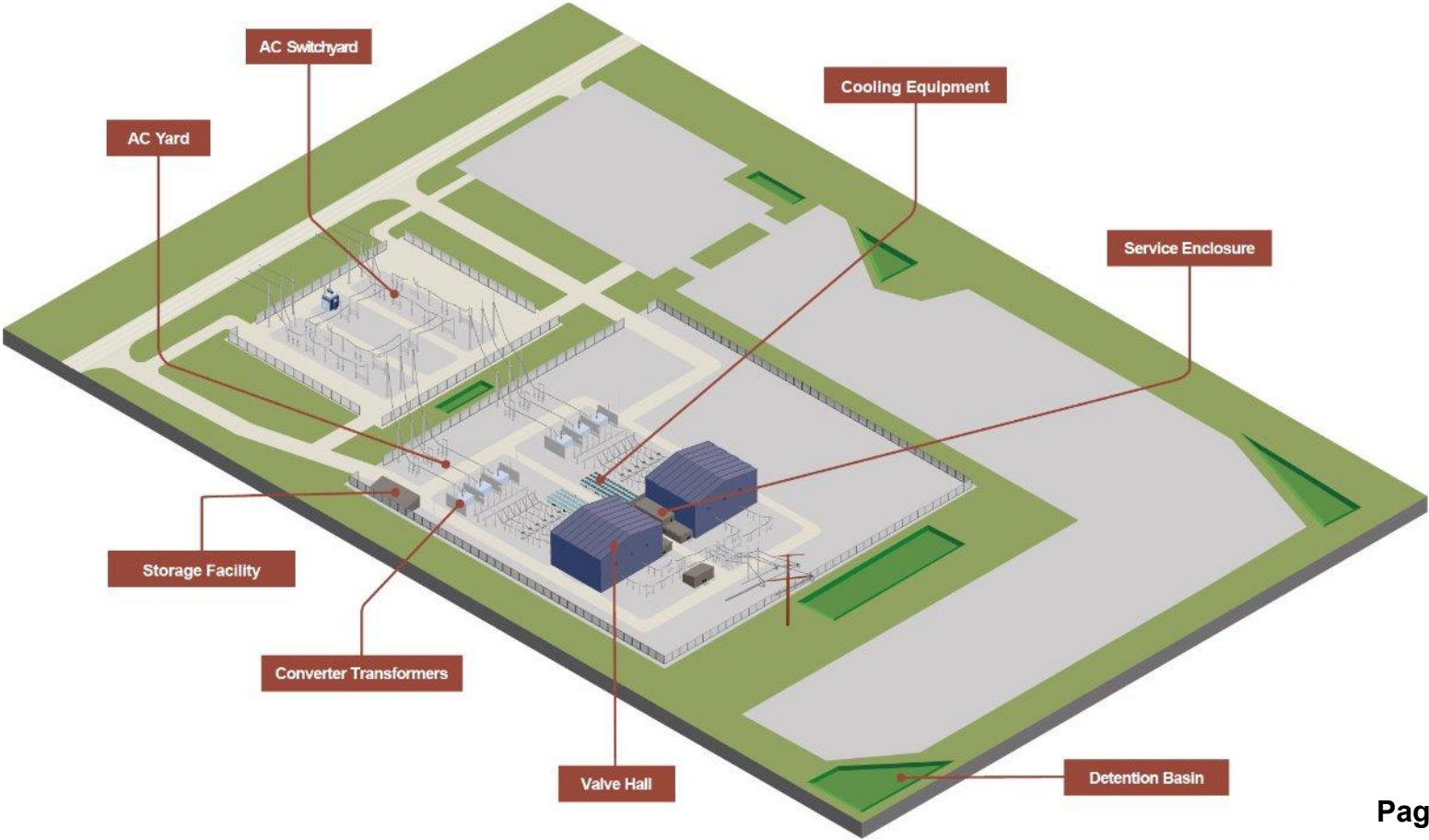
- Two AC lines from converter station to:
 - Basin Electric switchyard near St. Anthony in Morton County (SPP interconnection)
 - Substation near Center in Oliver County (MISO interconnection)



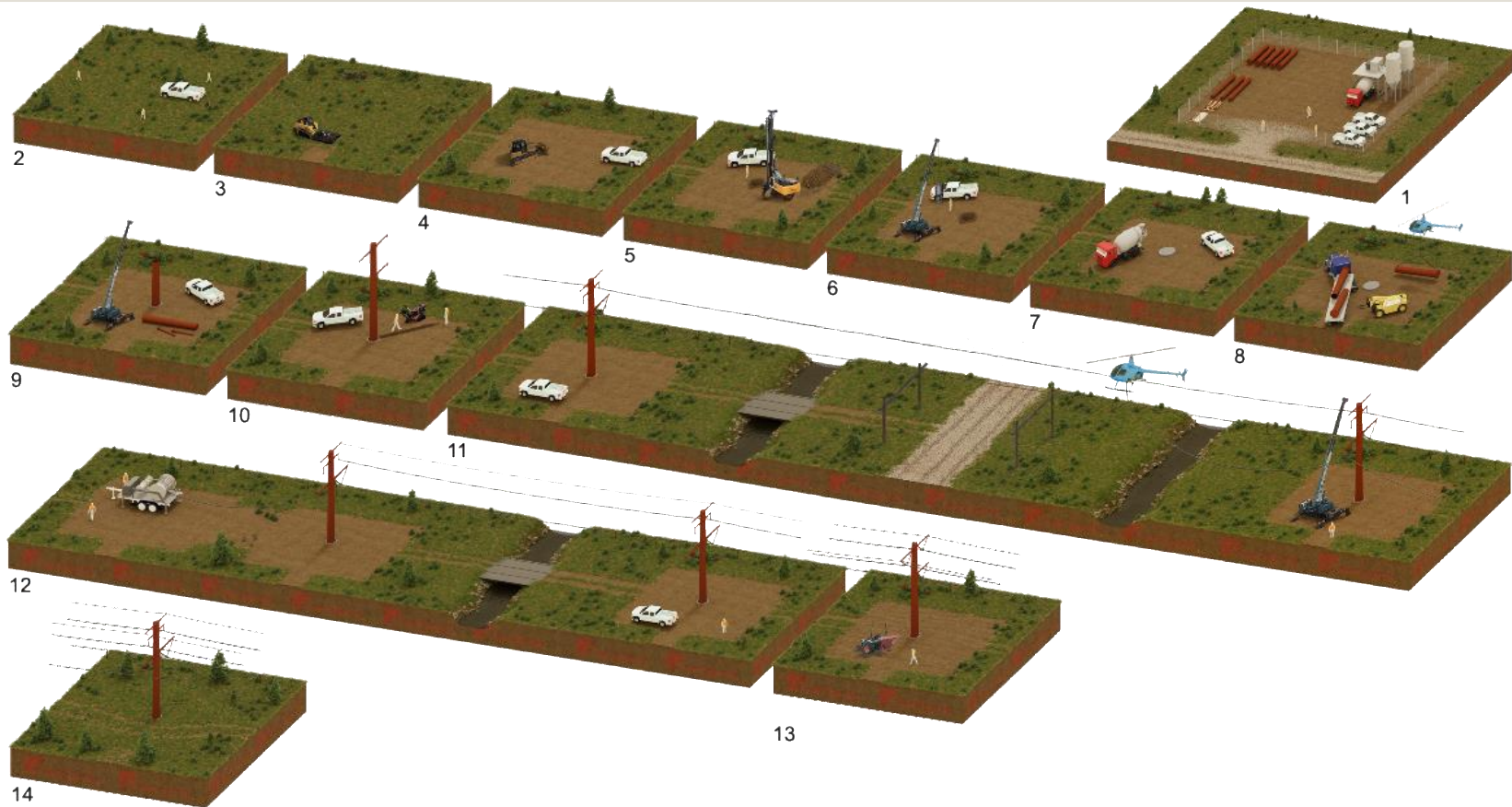
Typical structures for a **high-voltage alternating current (HVAC)** transmission line



Typical structures for a **high-voltage direct current (HVDC)** transmission line



Construction Sequence





- During construction, NPC will coordinate with:
 - Agencies/Tribal Nations – Environmental, cultural and safety monitors
 - Counties – Road use and related permitting, traffic control and safety
 - Landowners – Construction activities, livestock and field work considerations
 - Communities/public – Public information events, local media, website updates and ways to contact the Project
- North Dakota-based community relations staff member hired





- Complete restoration in accordance with Construction, Mitigation, and Reclamation Plan
- Weed management post-construction in accordance with county weed board-approved weed management plan
- Vegetation management within the right-of-way in accordance with applicable National Electrical Safety Code requirements
- Conduct routine inspections for corrosion, equipment misalignment, loose fittings and other mechanical issues
- Limited maintenance and on-the-ground activities, remote monitoring 24/7





- North Plains Connector is anticipated to strengthen grid reliability and increase transfer capacity by connecting the MISO, SPP and WECC systems
- The Project has obtained local zoning approvals (CUPs/SUPs)
- The proposed Project Corridor and Route:
 - Resulted from an extensive and iterative stakeholder-first development process
 - Complies with the PSC's siting criteria
- For these reasons, North Plains Connector respectfully requests the PSC grant a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for the Project



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