

February 20, 2026

VIA E-MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY

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-__**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

North Plains Connector LLC (“North Plains”) respectfully submits a consolidated application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit (“Application”) for the North Plains Connector Transmission Project to be located in Golden Valley, Slope, Hettinger, Grant, Morton, and Oliver Counties, North Dakota (“Project”). North Plains submits the Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (“NDCC”) Ch. 49-22 and North Dakota Administrative Code (“NDAC”) Art. 69-06.

An original and seven (7) copies of this filing letter and the Application, with accompanying figures and appendices (public information only), are enclosed. Also enclosed with the hard copies is (1) a USB drive containing GIS data (public data only), and (2) a check in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the filing and administrative fees required pursuant to NDCC § 49-22-22.

North Plains has provided hard copies of the draft Construction, Mitigation, and Reclamation Plan (“CMRP”) (Appendix G), without appendices. An electronic copy of the CMRP, with appendices, is being provided in the e-mail filing.

By copy of this letter, the Auditors for Golden Valley, Slope, Hettinger, Grant, Morton, and Oliver Counties are being served with a copy of the Application in accordance with NDAC § 69-06-05-01(4). An Affidavit of Service on the County Auditors will be provided under separate cover.

Electronic copies of the enclosed documents and this letter were filed with the Commission today via e-mail.

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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 style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'S'.

MOLLIE M. SMITH

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Enclosures

cc: Tamra Sperry, Golden Valley County Auditor (via hand delivery)
Lorrie Buzalsky, Slope County Auditor (via hand delivery)
Jeri Schmidt, Hettinger County Auditor (via hand delivery)
Sara Meier, Grant County Auditor (via hand delivery)
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