

Exhibit 5

Water Resource/Management District Correspondence

From: Wade Bachmeier <wade.landmark@midconetwork.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2026 9:56 AM
To: Cally Peterson <cally.peterson@gridunited.com>; 'Mike Tietz' <miketietz@gmail.com>
Cc: 'Mager, Brian - FPAC-NRCS, ND' <Brian.Mager@usda.gov>; Brant Johnson
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Subject: RE: [External Email]Re: North Plains Connector transmission line reroute

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Nothing further.

Thank you.

Wade M. Bachmeier, Chair

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From: Cally Peterson <cally.peterson@gridunited.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2026 12:10 PM
To: Mike Tietz <miketietz@gmail.com>; Wade Bachmeier <wade.landmark@midconetwork.com>
Cc: Mager, Brian - FPAC-NRCS, ND <Brian.Mager@usda.gov>; Brant Johnson <brant.johnson@gridunited.com>; Shepardson, Van <vshepardson@trccompanies.com>
Subject: Re: [External Email]Re: North Plains Connector transmission line reroute

Thank you, Mike, for confirming.

Wade: Let me know if you have further questions.

C

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From: Mike Tietz <miketietz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 3:03 PM
To: Wade Bachmeier <wade.landmark@midconetwork.com>
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Wade,

No concerns from me if sets backs are met.

Thanks!

Mike

On Wed, Aug 26, 2026, 3:01 PM Wade Bachmeier <wade.landmark@midconetwork.com> wrote:

Mike,

Do we need to talk on this?

Thank you.

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From: Cally Peterson <cally.peterson@gridunited.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2026 10:39 AM

To: Mager, Brian - FPAC-NRCS, ND <Brian.Mager@usda.gov>; Mike Tietz <miketietz@gmail.com>

Cc: Wade Bachmeier <wade.landmark@midconetwork.com>; Brant Johnson <brant.johnson@gridunited.com>; Shepardson, Van <vshepardson@trccompanies.com>

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Mike and Wade,

Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

If not, would appreciate confirmation the reroute addresses any concerns for your respective water districts. We are hoping to close the loop (or have an update) in advance of our PSC hearings next week.

Many thanks!

C

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From: Cally Peterson <cally.peterson@gridunited.com>

Sent: Wednesday, 19 August 2026 16:46:18

To: Mager, Brian - FPAC-NRCS, ND <Brian.Mager@usda.gov>; Mike Tietz <miketietz@gmail.com>

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Thank you so much, Brian!

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From: Mager, Brian - FPAC-NRCS, ND <Brian.Mager@usda.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2026 4:45 PM

To: Cally Peterson <cally.peterson@gridunited.com>; Mike Tietz <miketietz@gmail.com>

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Cally,

This addresses all the proximity to the auxiliary concerns from the NRCS.

Brian Mager, P.E.

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Mike, Brian, Wade,

Got the map with the setbacks sooner than expected.

The project did obtain the facility drawings from NRCS and based all setbacks off that information. We are more than 150 feet back from all areas designated in the facility drawings and also removed the access roads from those areas.

Hopefully this addresses the previous discussion points.

Does the reroute address the guidance from NRCS and concerns of the Oliver and Morton water districts?

Thanks!

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Good afternoon, Mike,

Thank you for the follow-up.

In looking back, we did not send the revised route back to either party after implementing the requested changes (apologies!) , so also including Brian from NRCS.

We are working with our engineering team now to get another map that shows the reroute and setbacks, following the guidance of NRCS. (Also reattaching the map from the initial email, so Brian has it.)

I am also including Van Shepardson on this email, who you had prior communication with and helped NPC implement the reroute.

We hope to have the map with the setbacks to you very soon.

C

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Good Afternoon,

It's been awhile since the discussion with Brian but I believe the request was 150 ft from infrastructure related to the Dam in order to have clearance during emergency operations.

NRCS might have sent over the facility drawing for the setbacks. The revised route looks like it might be closer to the Dam but no longer within the auxiliary spillway.

Does the new route maintain the 150 ft clearance? Does NRCS have any additional concerns with the new route?

Thanks for the update!

Mike

On Thu, Aug 13, 2026, 3:07 PM Cally Peterson <cally.peterson@gridunited.com> wrote:

Good afternoon, Wade and Mike,

I know Mike for sure, and possibly you, Wade, have met and worked with a colleague, Denisha Cummings, on the North Plains Connector transmission line project reroute for the Square Butte 5 Dam. Denisha has transitioned from the project as we near the end of the development phase and enter into pre-construction and construction. She is missed!

I was hired this spring to be the local community relations person for North Plains Connector as we work to see the project through to completion. I live northeast of Steele and worked for the N.D. Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives in Mandan prior to this. Hope to meet you both in person down the line.

My correspondence today is to close the loop on the status of the reroute. With input from the Oliver County Water Resource District and the Morton County Water Management District, and following the guidance of Mike in Oliver County and Brian Meger of NRCS, we have implemented the reroute. The route was shifted to the northeast to avoid the spillway and flood control area for the Square Butte 5 Dam. Attached please find a map showing the reroute which was implemented.

Could you please confirm the reroute addresses any concerns for your respective water districts?

We appreciate your collaboration on this!

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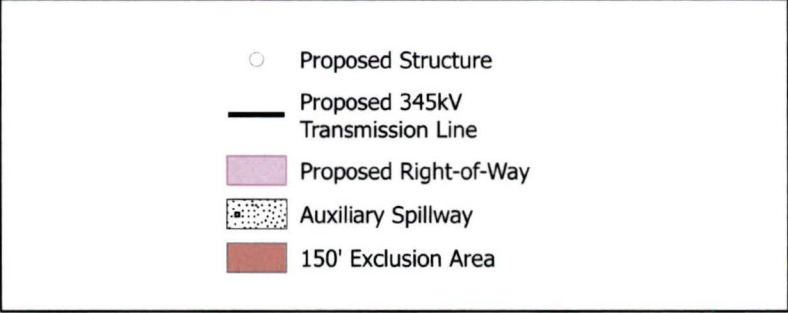
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