

Exhibit 8

Letters of Support



Date: February 20th, 2026

To: North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E Boulevard Ave, Dept 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Subject: Letter of Support for the North Plains Connector Transmission Project

Dear Commissioners:

ALLETE, Inc. (ALLETE) submits this letter in support of North Plains Connector LLC (North Plains) and its application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Transmission Facility Route Permit for the North Plains Connector Transmission Project (Project). North Dakota has a history of supporting energy infrastructure development, including the recently approved upgrade of Minnesota Power's high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line, originally commissioned in 1977. The Project builds on this legacy by expanding HVDC investment within the state and, in turn, providing enhanced reliability, flexibility, and interregional connectivity between the Eastern and Western Interconnections.

As a company with a long-standing commitment to advancing energy infrastructure in North Dakota, we believe the Project represents a transformative opportunity for the region's electric grid. North Plains and ALLETE are jointly developing the Project, and ALLETE has signed definitive agreements for the ability to acquire ownership and capacity in the Project. ALLETE is also expected to be the Project operator. This collaboration underscores our confidence in the Project's technical and economic merits, as well as its alignment with our mission to deliver safe and reliable energy solutions.

Minnesota Power, a utility division of ALLETE, will own and operate the expansion of the planned East Oliver Substation, which will serve as the Project's Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) interconnection point in the Eastern Interconnection. This strategic connection will help strengthen the regional transmission network and support the efficient delivery of energy resources.

We commend North Plains' proactive engagement with stakeholders and its commitment to responsible development. As a participant-funded project that is not part of a MISO LRTP Tranche, the North Plains Connector is positioned to bring significant benefits to North Dakota, including economic development, grid modernization, and enhanced energy security. For these reasons, we respectfully request that the Commission approve North Plains' application for the Project.

Thank you,

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Vice President Strategy and Planning



EXHIBIT 8

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August 12, 2026

North Dakota Public Service Commission
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RE: Letter of Support for the North Plains Connector Transmission Project

Dear Commissioners:

Minnkota Power Cooperative (Minnkota) submits this letter in support of North Plains Connector LLC (North Plains) and its application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Transmission Facility Route Permit for the North Plains Connector Project (Project).

Minnkota views the Project as a timely investment that will strengthen the reliability of North Dakota's electrical grid. By connecting geographically diverse markets, the Project provides increased resource optionality. This optionality is important to Minnkota and its members, who strive to minimize the cost of electrical service to end-use member-consumers, while ensuring system resilience and reliability during resource adequacy hours as well as grid-impacting events, such as extreme weather conditions. Minnkota recognizes the significant benefits of the Project, including its interconnection near Minnkota's baseload generation resources, the expansion of regional transmission capacity and enhanced access to broader energy markets.

For all of these reasons, Minnkota supports the Project and respectfully requests the Commission approve North Plains' application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brendan Kennelly", is written over a horizontal line.

Brendan Kennelly
Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer
Minnkota Power Cooperative