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Public Hearing Presentation



North Plains Connector Transmission Project

N.D. Public Service Commission Public Hearings
Case No. PU-26-82

Sept. 2, 2026 | Mandan

Sept. 3, 2026 | Regent

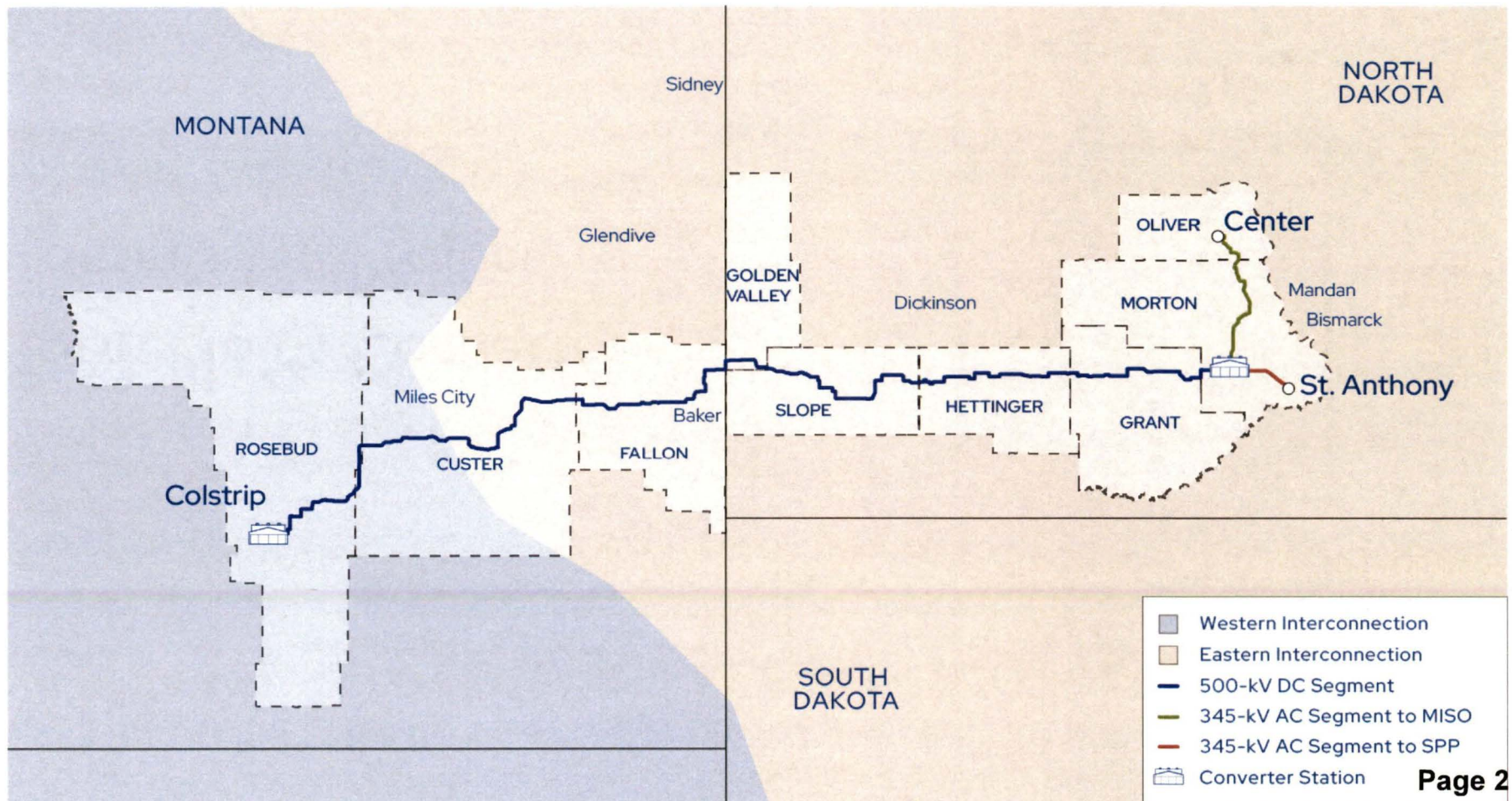
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Project Overview

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Project Purpose and Benefits

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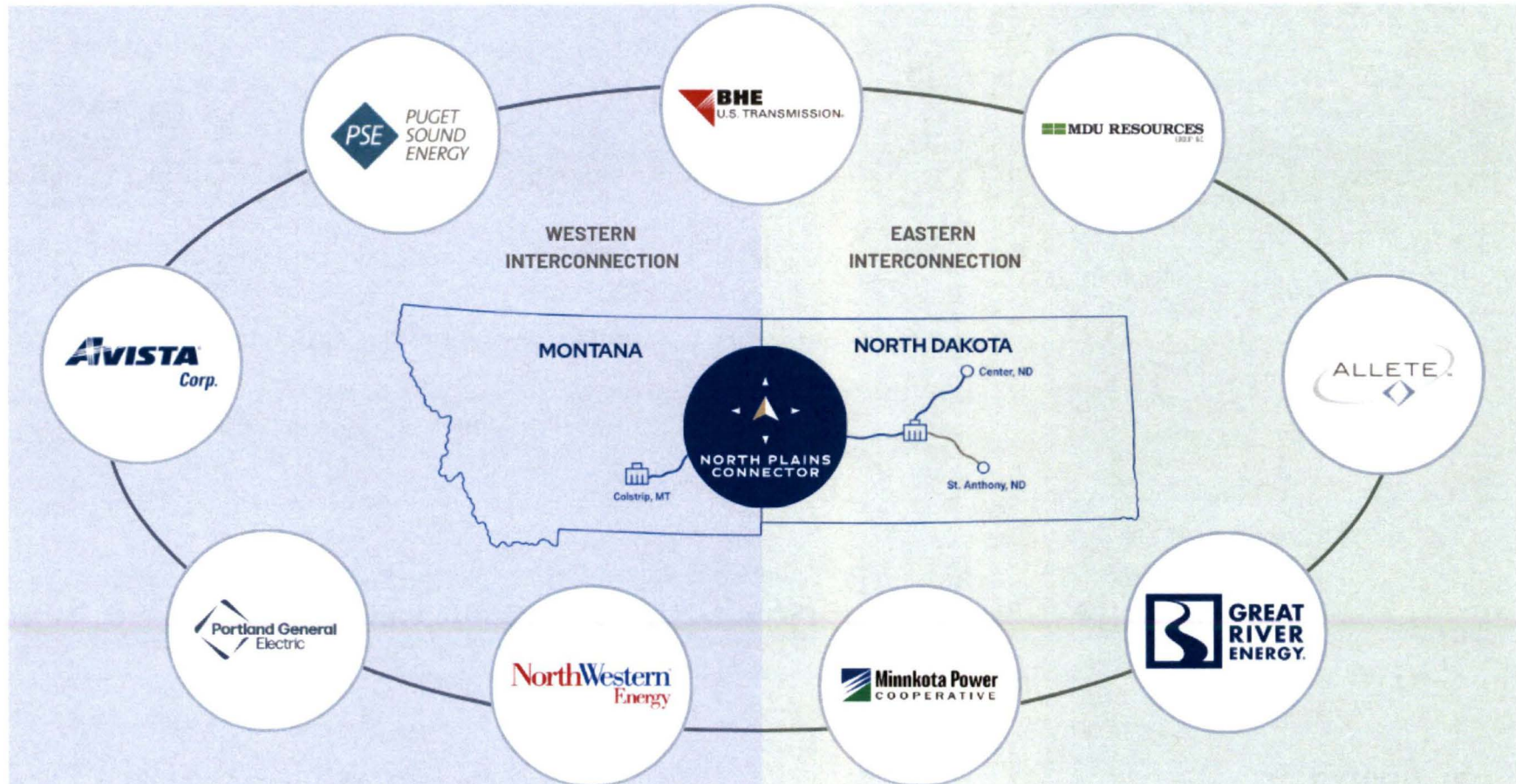


Creating a more resilient, efficient electrical system to benefit all consumers

- 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

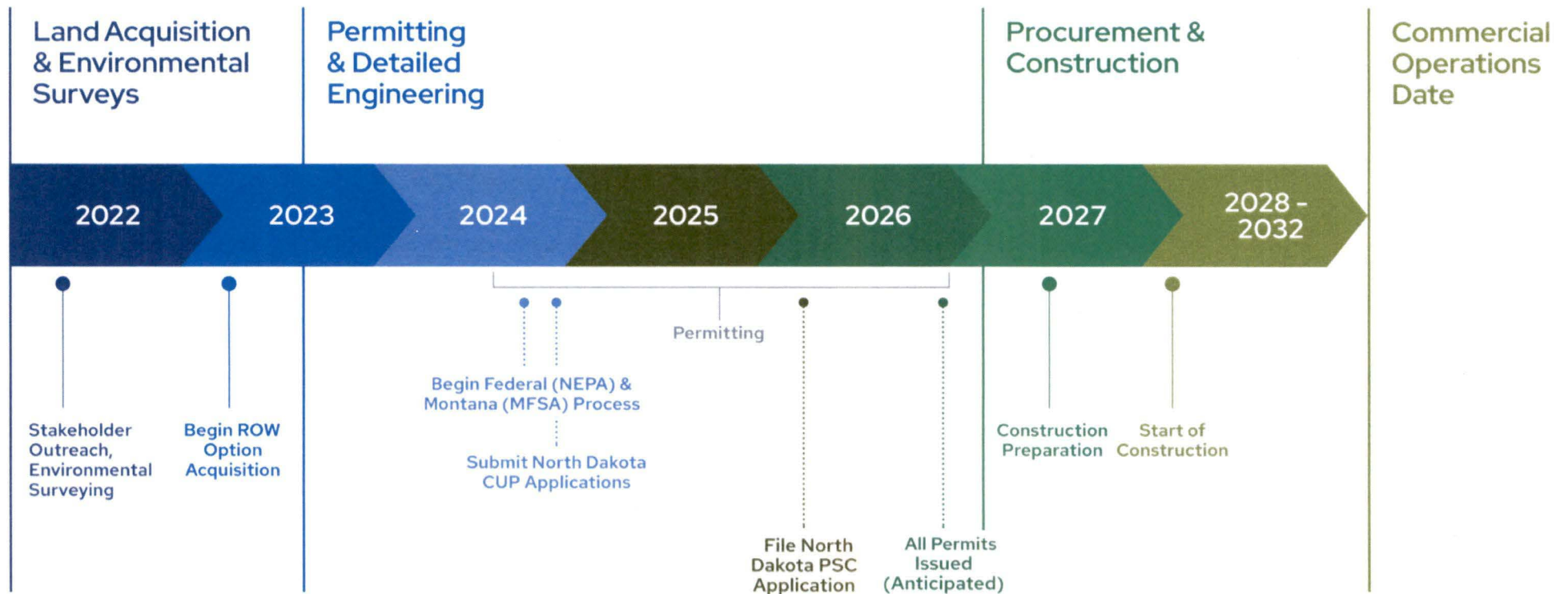
Project Partners

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Project History and Schedule

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Other Permitting – Federal and Montana

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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

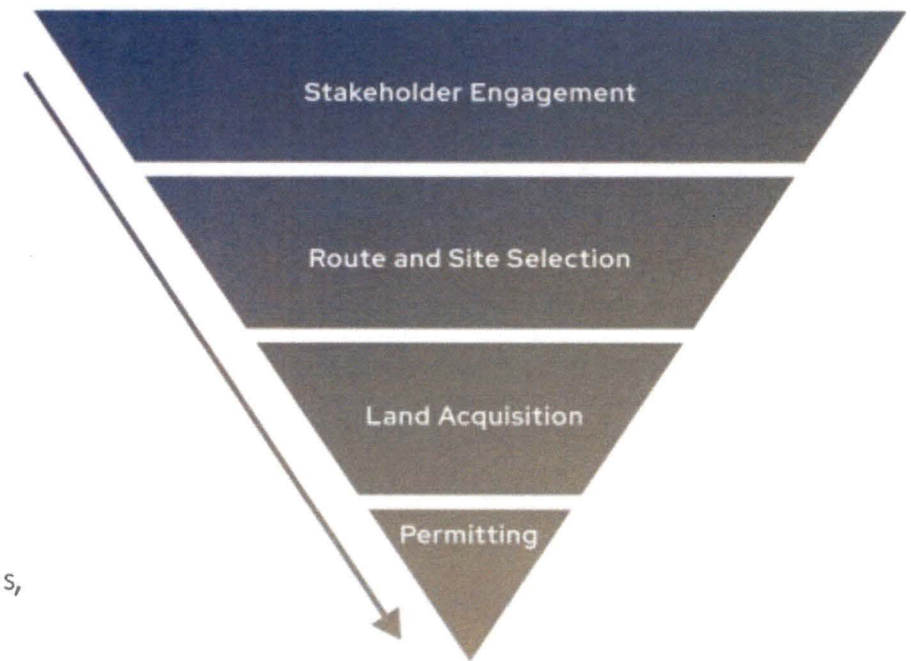
Stakeholder-First Approach

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Iterative route development process with key stakeholders

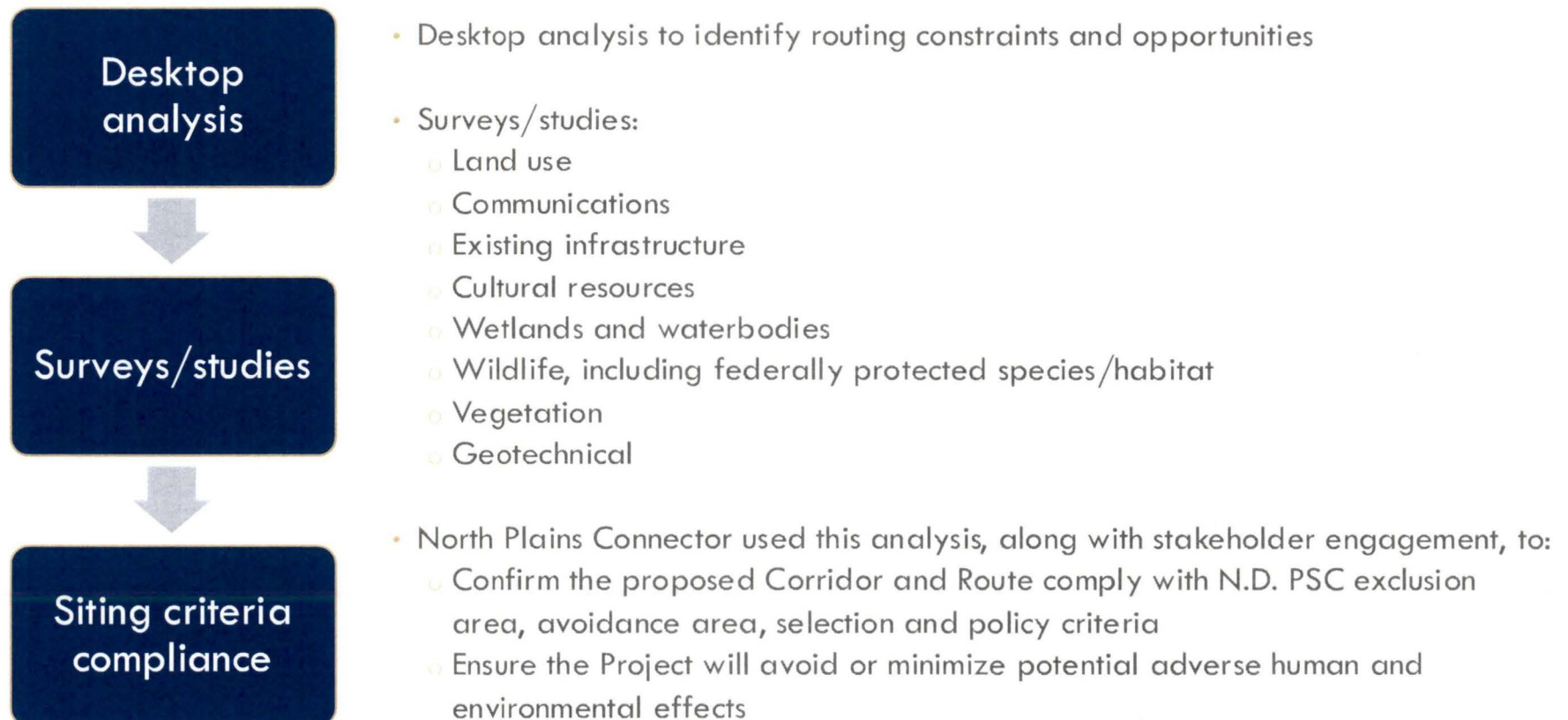
- Agency and Tribal engagement
 - Received input on surveys/studies and route selection
 - Ongoing coordination to identify environmental and land use constraints
- Landowner engagement
 - Identified workable route in coordination with individual landowners
 - Have land options in place with 99% of N.D. 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

Environmental and Land-use Routing Analysis

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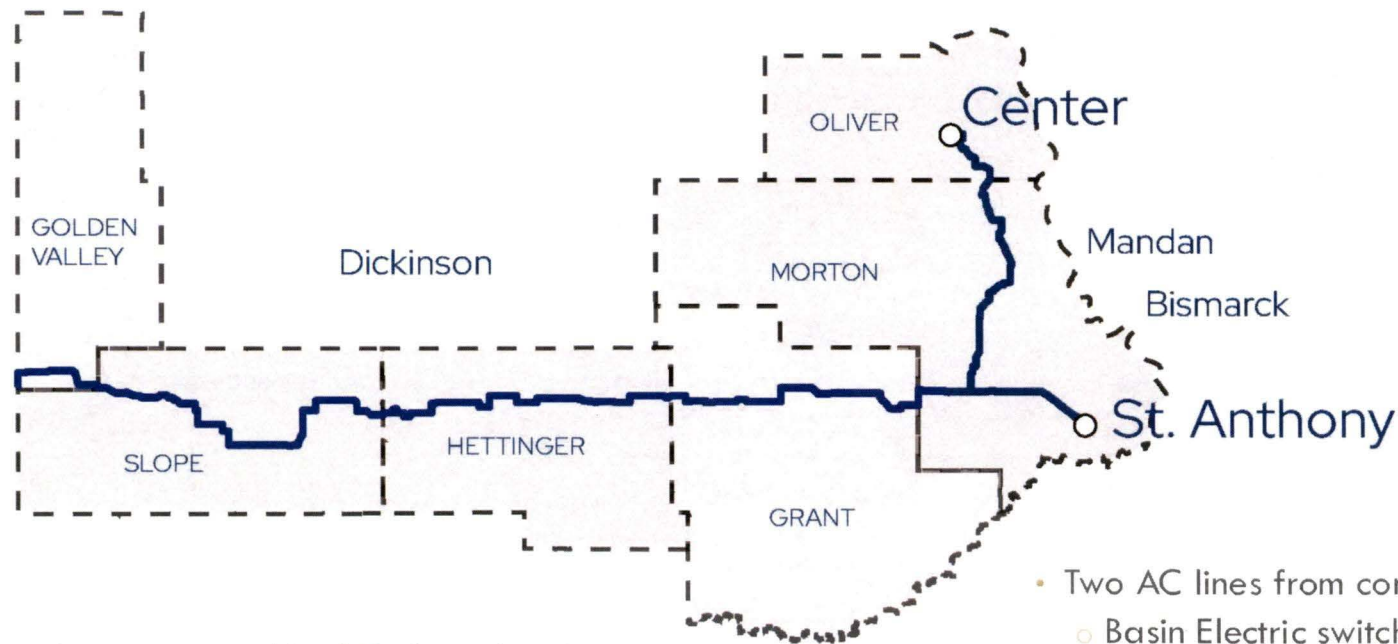


North Dakota Project Corridor and Route

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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

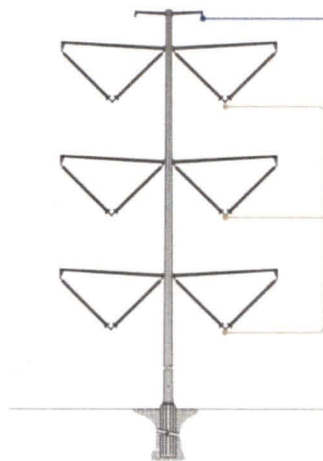
- Two AC lines from converter station to:
 - Basin Electric switchyard near St. Anthony in Morton County (SPP interconnection)
 - Substation near Center in Oliver County (MISO interconnection)

Project Structures

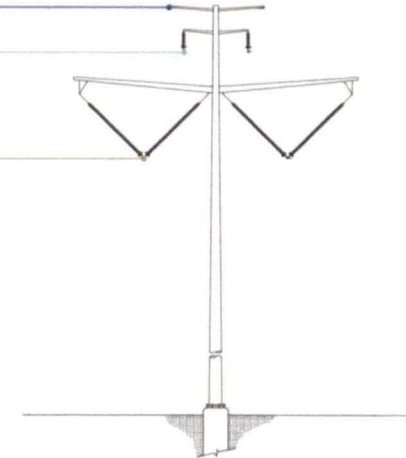
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HVAC MONOPOLE STRUCTURE



HVDC MONOPOLE STRUCTURE



Overhead
Ground Wire

Dedicated
Metallic Return
(DMR) Conductor

Phase
Conductor



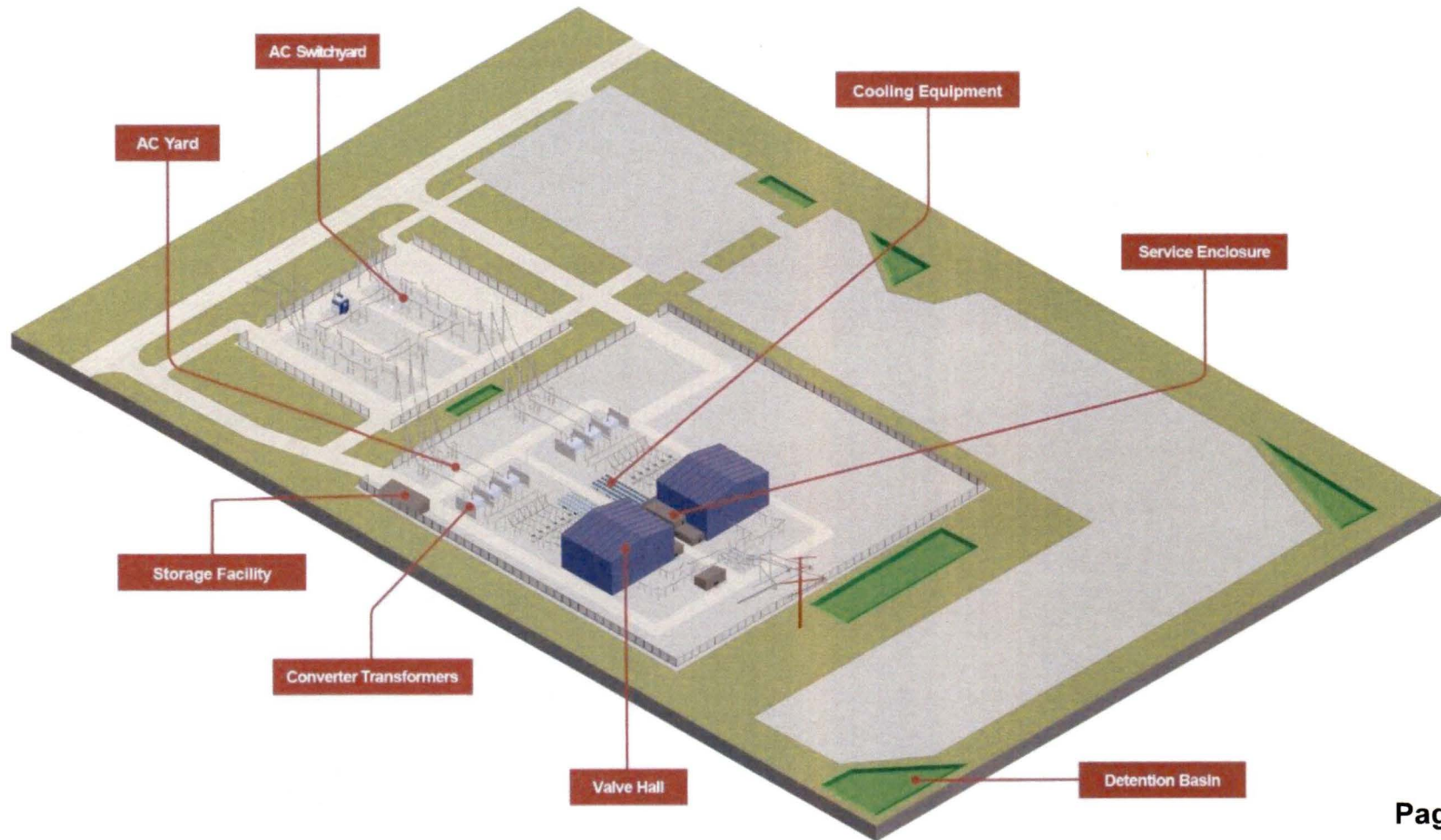
Typical structures for a
**high-voltage alternating
current (HVAC)** transmission
line



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

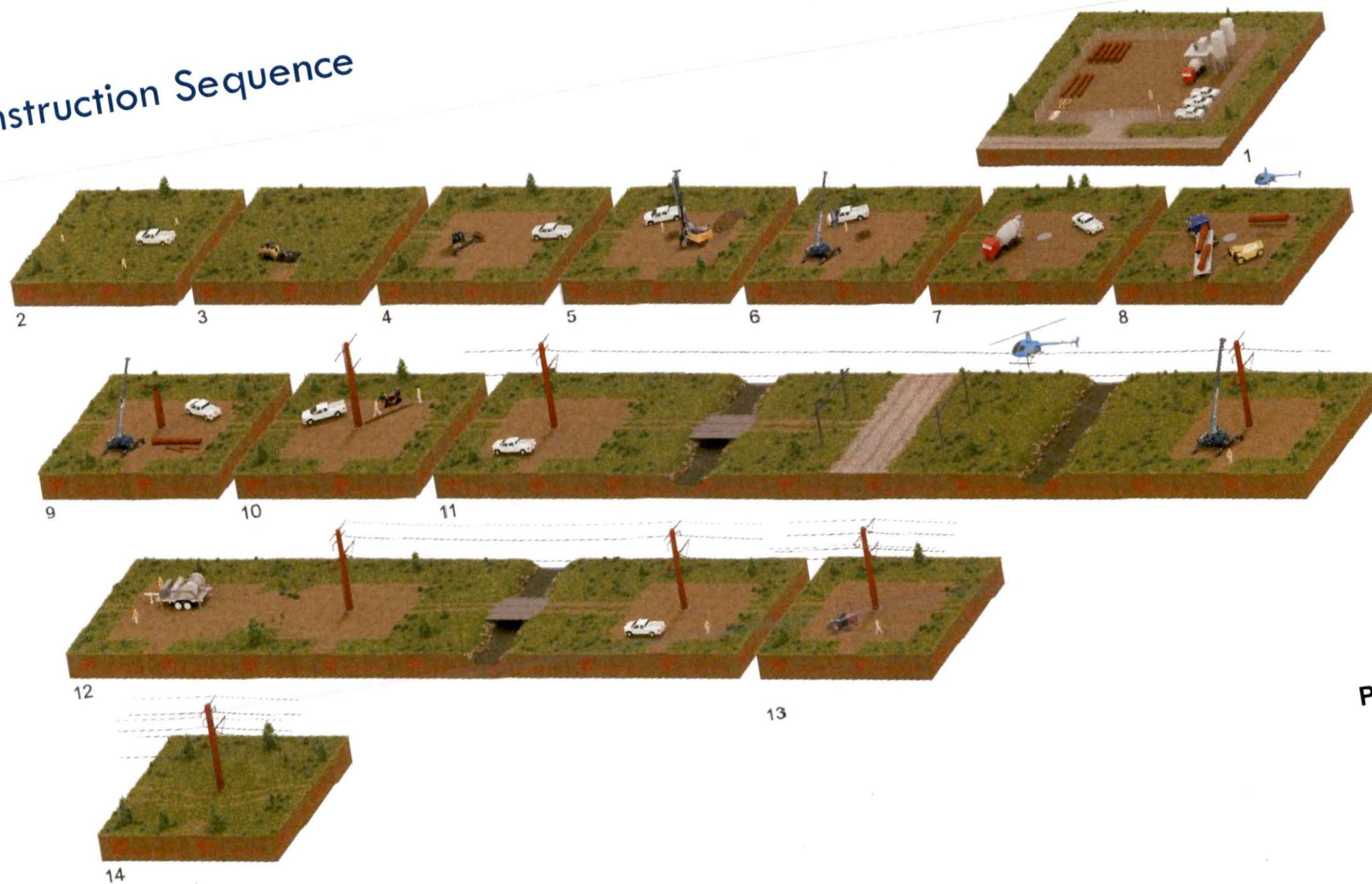
Converter Station Site

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Construction Sequence



Stakeholder Coordination

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- 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

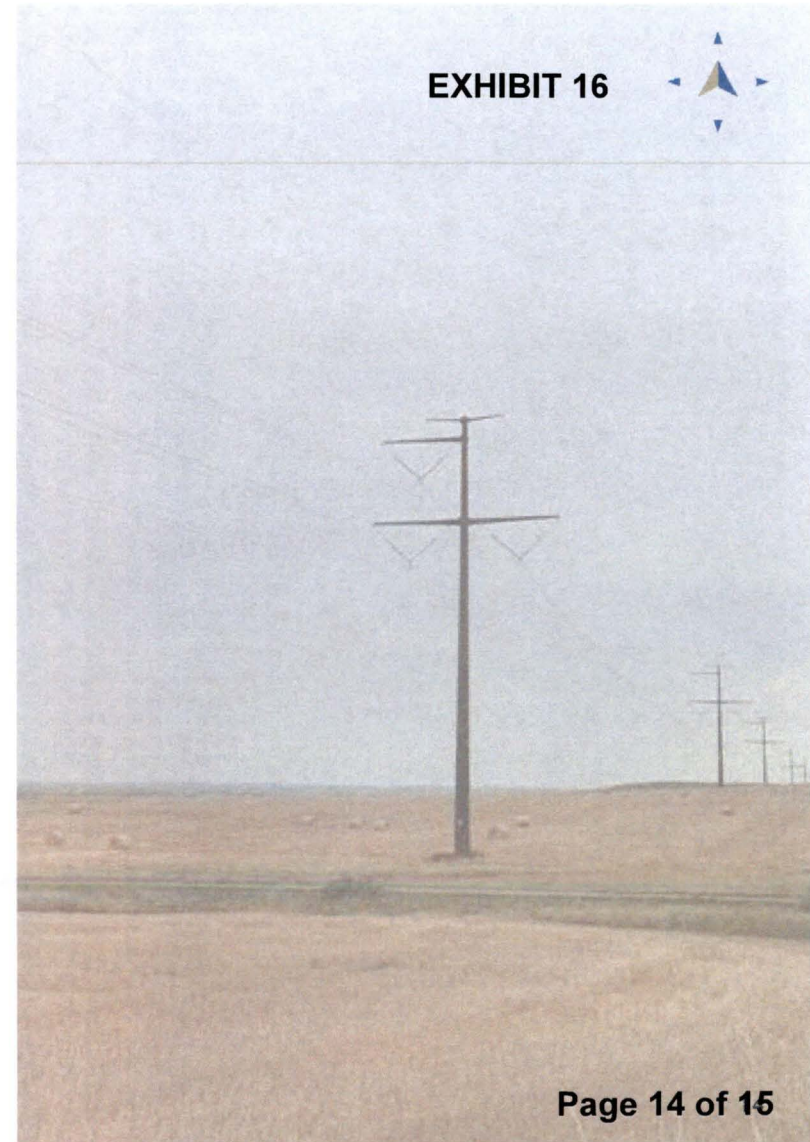


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Project Operations

- 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

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Conclusion

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- 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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