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PSC Schedules Two Hearings for Public Comment Regarding Proposed Transmission Line in Southwestern North Dakota

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold two hearings in September to gather public comments regarding a proposal to construct a transmission line in Golden Valley, Slope, Hettinger, Oliver, Morton and Grant Counties. The project is known as the North Plains Connector Transmission Project.

North Plains Connector LLC is requesting a siting permit for approximately 168 miles of high-voltage direct current transmission line and approximately 74 miles of associated 345-kV transmission lines, which will make up the North Dakota portion of the project. The entire line will extend approximately 422 miles from near Colstrip, Montana, to two separate end points in North Dakota – one near Center and one near St. Anthony. The North Plains Connector is proposed to be a bidirectional high voltage electric transmission line system designed to move electricity east or west between the Eastern and Western Interconnections (the two largest electrical grids in North America).

The estimated cost of the entire project is \$6 billion, and the estimated cost of the North Dakota portion is approximately \$3.2 billion. (Note to the media: A map showing the proposed location of the project has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details of the public hearings are as follows:

- **Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2026 – 8:30 a.m. Central**
Mandan City Hall – Ed “Bosh” Froehlich Commission Room
205 2nd Ave. NW, Mandan, ND 58554
This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Oliver, Morton and Grant Counties
- **Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026 – 9:30 a.m. Mountain (10:30 a.m. Central)**
The Enchanted Castle
607 Main Street, Regent, ND 58650
This hearing will focus primarily on portions of the project in Golden Valley, Slope and Hettinger Counties

The hearings provide an opportunity for members of the public to contribute to the PSC's official record. Any comments from members of the public must be received at a hearing to be part of the record. People with concerns or who are in support or opposition of the project are encouraged to attend one of the hearings and present their information. Information received after the hearings will not be part of the official record and cannot be used as a basis for the Commission's decision unless certain additional procedures are followed.

A technical hearing for the project will also be held in Bismarck, which will allow the parties to present evidence through witness testimony. The technical hearing will include detailed presentations regarding the project from company witnesses. This hearing is open to the public, but there will likely be no opportunity for public input during this hearing. Members of the public wishing to testify should attend either of the hearings in Mandan or Regent. The technical hearing will be held on Sept. 1st starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission's Hearing Room on the 12th Floor of the State Capitol.

The hearings will also be available for viewing using the web stream link available at the PSC's website at www.psc.nd.gov.

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