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VIA E-MAIL AND FEDEX

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-26-82

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Per a request conveyed by the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") Staff, North Plains Connector LLC ("North Plains") has prepared the enclosed Tree and Shrub Clearance Request figure showing areas along the North Dakota portion of the North Plains Connector Transmission Project ("Project") where areas of trees and shrubs greater than 50 feet wide may need to be cleared. The figure is conservative to ensure it is comprehensive, and actual clearing may be less.

Additionally, North Plains provides the following paragraph to add to the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

> The Applicants have requested authorization to clear areas of trees and/or shrubs up to 200 feet in width to allow adequate workspace and access during construction and to comply with National Electric Safety Code clearance requirements during operations between the mileposts listed below, as depicted on the Tree and Shrub Clearance Request Figure filed by the Applicants on October 22, 2026:
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> - HVDC Transmission Line: Milepost 178 to 180, 182 to 185, 186 to 193, 194 to 198, 201 to 203, 204 to 205, 206 to 207, 208 to 209, 210 to 216, 220 to 221, 227 to 228, 238 to 239, 259 to 260, 261 to 263, 272 to 273, 277 to 278, 279 to 282, 289 to 290, 291 to 292, 297 to 298, 302 to 305, 308 to 309, 310 to 312, 315 to 317, 318 to 320, 321 to 324, 325 to 326, 327 to 330, 331 to 332, 335 to 341.

- Oliver Transmission Line: Milepost O-2 to O-3, O-4 to O-5, O-9 to O-12, O-14 to O-15, O-21 to O-23, O-24 to O-30, O-32 to O-33, O-34 to O-35, O-37 to O-38, O-39 to O-42, O-43 to East Oliver Substation
- Morton Transmission Line: Milepost M-3 to M-4, M-12 to M-19, M-21 to Morton County Switchyard.

An original and seven (7) copies (eight (8) total) of this filing letter and the figure are enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket. Electronic copies of this letter and the enclosed figure were filed with the Commission today via e-mail.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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