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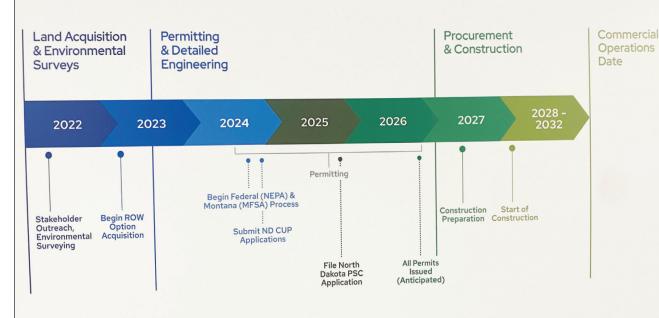
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## **North Plains Connector Project Timeline**



A timeline of the project extends to becoming operational in 2032.

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the Public Service Commission and federal environmental reviews, which will include public comment periods.

"We've already begun the federal permitting, We expect to have a draft **Environmental Impact** Statement this fall, barring any super extended government shutdowns," Johnson said.

Roughly 350 landowners will be involved across Montana and North Dakota.

'We're nearing completion of all of the easements. Everyone who is on the route has been talked to and

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has been OK with the route," Johnson said.

"It just takes about this long to really build the kind of support that you need for it and to do the environmental studies and all of the things that we've done. We're about 100% done with our survey work, which is great. Having studied the right of way and get all of the science in place to be able to support the project, all of that's going well," Johnson said.

Construction of the converter stations will take the most time, Johnson said. Those are the substations where direct current electricity at

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transmission voltages is converted to lower-voltage alternating current.

During construction of the transmission line, material storage vards will first be placed about every 30 miles. The monopole structures will be 110 to 160 feet tall, placed about 1,200 feet apart. The 4- to 5-inch thick conductor will be strung using cranes and helicopters. Following construction, restoration of the site is completed.

This 3,000-megawatt type of connector is fairly unique in North Dakota, and the United States, Johnson said... And as an HVDC line, it will be able to transmit power over longer spans with less

line loss.

Through the transmission line, generators of power will have access to new markets going both directions.

This line is being developed as a privately owned "merchant transmission line," but North Plains Connector is expected to be owned, operated and maintained by local utilities.

"The folks that will own and operate and maintain are all incumbent utilities from across the broad northern region of the United States. It's a large project at 3,000 megawatts, so we have about seven different utilities that will own portions of the project so far," Johnson said.

During the past three years, Grid United partnered with the North **Dakota Community** Foundation to establish the North Plains **Connector Community** Investment Program. Those funds have been used by eight North Dakota community foundations as local grants. The company is now working with the North Dakota Community Foundation to extend that funding for three more years.





### NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Hettinger County Planning/Zoning Board has received an application for a conditional use permit to allow the City of Mott to haul diesel contaminated soil to the following parcel: SW4NW4 12-133-93 in Castle Rock Township. This will be a temporary use until the contamination is gone and will be monitored by the North Dakota Dept. of Environmental Quality, in which they have already reviewed and have accepted the site.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 12th at 8:00 a.m., in the Commissioners room of the Hettinger County Courthouse, 336 Pacific Avenue, Mott, North Dakota. If you have any questions, you can call (701)824-

Hettinger County Auditor Jeri G. Schmidt