

Appendix B

Notification and Public Comments

**Williston to Tioga Transmission Project
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Federal Aviation Administration
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North Dakota State Historical Board
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North Dakota Department of Commerce
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North Dakota Department of Transportation
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North Dakota Public Service Commission
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POTENTIALLY AFFECTED LANDOWNERS

1,000+ Individuals

Summary of Key Public Comments

Agricultural Impacts

- Preference for locating the transmission line south of Springbrook, Epping, and Ray to reduce crossing cropland.
- Transmission line routing should consider interference with crop spraying.
- Concern about transmission line interference with AM-radio.

Routing Options

- Preference for the northernmost route because it is straight alignment.

Biology Resources

- Consider potential impacts to a well-established prairie dog colony on the 20-acre parcel south of NW 53rd Street in Sand Creek, west of the Williston Airport.

Cultural

- Commenter noted two stone circles on hilltops in SE1/4 Section 27 T99 R156N and the SE1/4 of Section 15 T99 R156N.
- The transmission line route should avoid tipi rings located in Section 34, T155, R101.
- Concern about the construction of the transmission line affecting Native Americans, since the Cheyenne historically and traditionally travelled and camped with the Mandan in the North Dakota region.

Public Safety

- Concerns about health and safety issues for those living near transmission lines and the potential effects to pregnant women.

Recreation

- Consideration should be considered to stray bullets from hunters hitting the transmission lines.

Land Use

- Landowner noted on Sheet Map 1 of 3 a Verizon cell tower in Section 26.
- Concern expressed about the transmission line route in the northern corridor affecting state school trust lands and impacts to potential oil drilling on trust lands, which is a large income producer for the school trust.
- Landowner expressed concern about potential impacts to future residential and wind farm development on a 20-acre parcel south of NW 53rd Street in Sand Creek and west of the airport.
- Transmission line should not be routed on Segment 20 to avoid landowner's property in order to maintain current property value.
- Landowner prefers transmission line not be routed on their property (Missouri Ridge TWP ~ 2 NWSE T155 R101, Section 34) to avoid impacts to site of future home.
- Landowner request that the transmission line be routed along the section line instead of crossing property at an angle.

- Prefers Segments 30 – 60 and that the transmission line be routed along section lines in Sections 18 and 19.
- Concern expressed about routing the transmission line through farmsteads north of Williston.
- Transmission line routing should avoid future runway expansion in Segment 14.
- Concern expressed about impacts to the airport approach zone height restrictions northwest of Williston.
- Prefers Segment 130 and 140 to Segment 40.
- Prefers the most northern route because it is straighter.
- Concern about the impact of the transmission line on oil and gas exploration; questions about distance a drilling rig and seismograph from the transmission line.
- Transmission line route should avoid the Soine/Pioneer Cemetery south/southeast of Ray, North Dakota.
- The North Dakota Department of Transportation expressed no concerns about the transmission line route; however, they requested the transmission line be located parallel to property lines and off the highway right-of-way for public safety purposes.
- Transmission line route should avoid croplands in NEWNW Sec. 11-155-01.

Vegetation

- Potential impacts to native prairie grasses on 20-acre parcel south of NW 53rd Street in Sand Creek, west of the airport in Williston.
- Concern about disturbance to native prairie, riparian corridors, and wetlands associated with the construction of H-frame transmission line structures.
- All aboveground appurtenances should avoid wetland areas.
- Following construction, disturbed areas should be reclaimed to pre-project conditions.

Visual Resources

- Segments 100 to the north and Segment 40 to the south could impact views from residence.