



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

for

HIGHWAY 36 – OVERHEAD TO UNDERGROUND CONVERSION

Proposal Issue Date: Feb 5, 2026

Proposal Submittal Due Date: Feb 26, 2026

1. Project Overview

- 1.1. Capital Electric Cooperative (CEC), a rural electric distribution cooperative located in Bismarck, North Dakota, has been serving electricity to its member consumers in Burleigh and southern Sheridan counties since 1948. Capital serves more than 19,000 member-consumers, providing nearly 400,000 MWh of electrical service annually to 22,155 locations. Capital owns more than 3,049 miles of distribution line, of which approximately 53% of those lines are underground cable. Capital is a member of and takes transmission service from Central Power Electric Cooperative, Inc, an electric transmission cooperative headquartered in Minot, ND.
- 1.2. CEC is pursuing a project to convert 11 miles of existing three-phase overhead electrical distribution lines to underground near and along ND Highway 36 between Wilton and Regan, ND. The project involves primarily of plowing new three-phase distribution cable, directional boring under existing roadway crossings, modifying overhead structures at edges of road right-of-way (ROW), terminating and energizing new conductors, and retiring overhead wire from above the roadway.
- 1.3. CEC has been awarded federal grant funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to utilize for this project, facilitated via Holy Cross Energy and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) as prime recipients. CEC also utilizes funding from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service (RUS). Applicants will be required to comply with both grant and RUS requirements as stated herein.

2. Project Details

2.1. CEC plans to bury 11 miles of existing overhead distribution line near and along ND Highway 36. The project includes a two-mile segment south of Highway 36 along 26th St NE and a nine-mile segment along Highway 36 between 52nd St NE and 171st St NE. Highway crossings and taps will also be converted to underground as part of this project. Upon completion of underground installation and energization, the overhead conductors and poles are to be removed. The map below shows the overall project area shaded in orange on top of CEC's service area map.

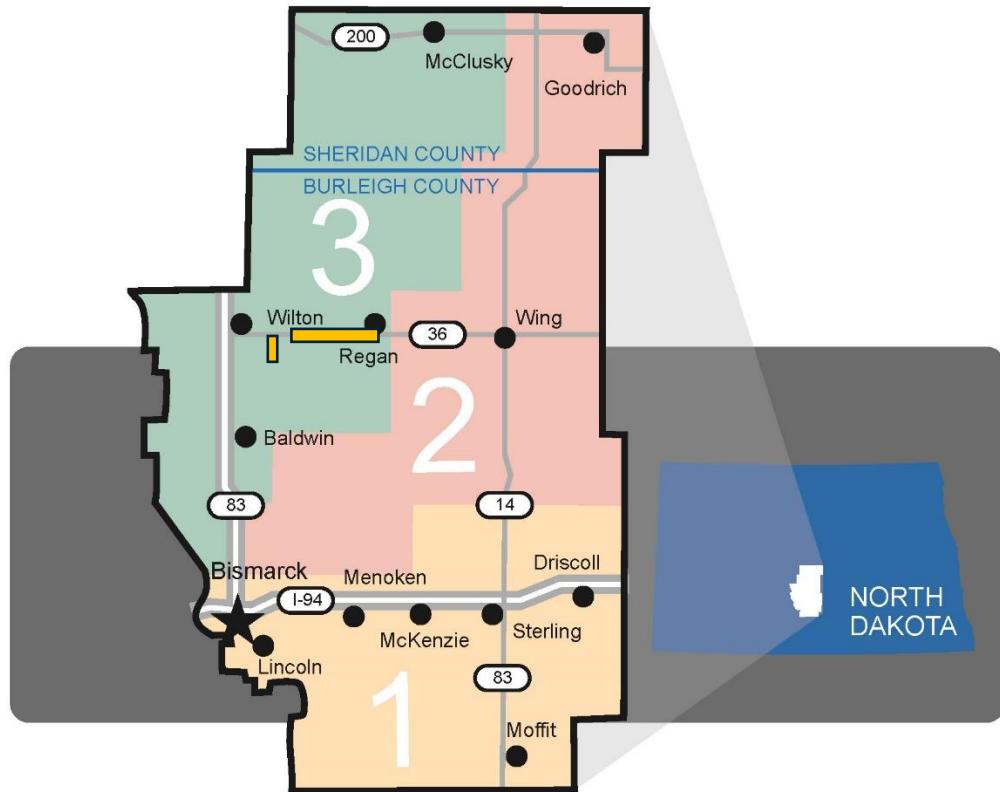
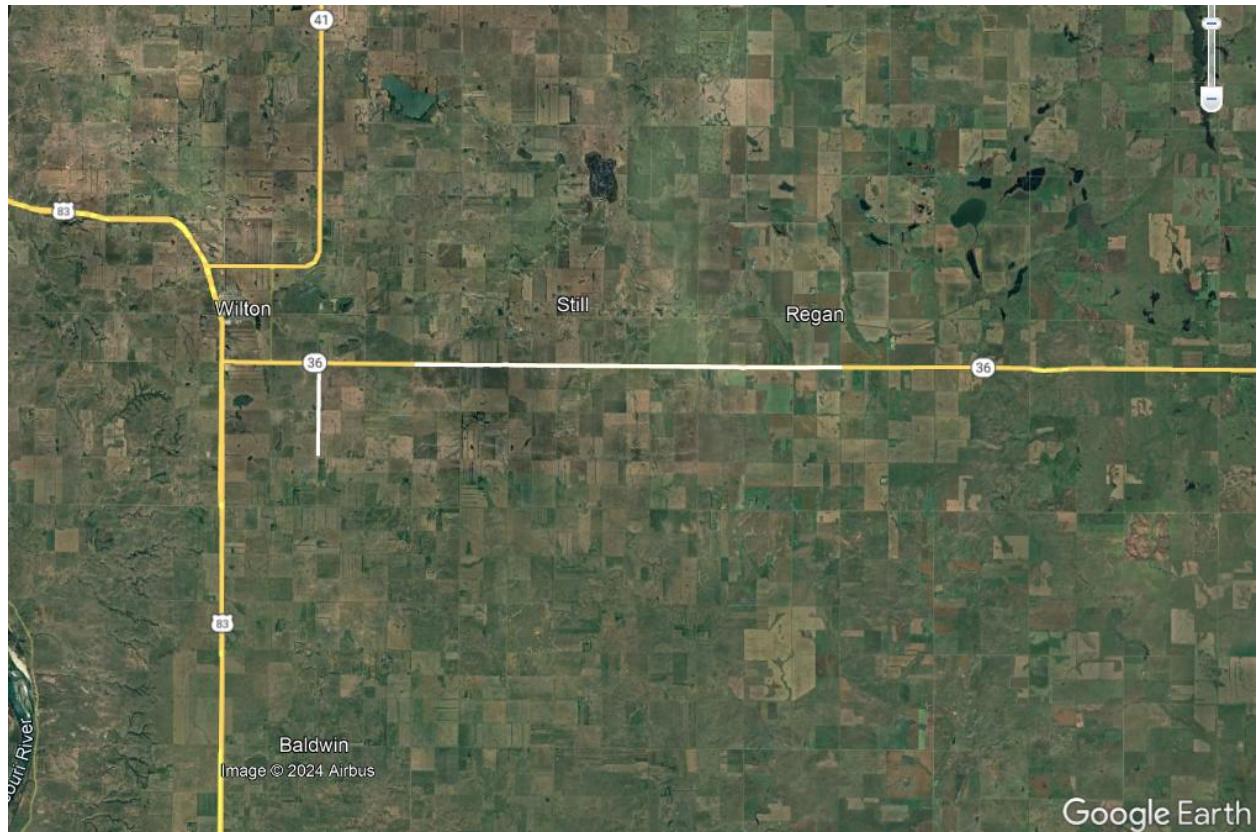


Figure 1: Project area overlayed on CEC service area

2.2. An aerial image of the project location is provided below. A summary of notes and material overviews of the project is included in Appendix A, with detailed maps of each mile included in Appendix B. Additional information, such as KMZ files of the project segments, can be provided upon request.



3. Owner's Scope

- 3.1. CEC will provide all material to be utilized for construction, including primary and secondary URD reels, URD terminations, URD sectionalizing cabinets, poles, crossarms, framing components, guys and anchors. CEC warehouse personnel will pull necessary material from inventory and provide to the Contractor as needed during normal business hours (8am-4pm Central Time). Materials utilized by the Contractor will be documented on a charge out sheet or pick list to be utilized in tracking material usage and costs.
- 3.2. CEC will provide general construction support and instruction, including guidance on preferred framing, terminating, and/or tagging of equipment. Due to the structure of the federal grant requirements, CEC will not perform construction activities directly—these actions must be performed by the Contractor.
- 3.3. CEC will stake each project segment, providing visual flagging and lathe to mark locations of lines and structures. CEC will prepare a For Construction staking sheet for each mile segment, detailing the required material and route.
- 3.4. CEC will apply for utility crossing permits for roadways with North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and/or Burleigh County.
- 3.5. CEC will collect retired materials returned to CEC's yard for documentation prior to recycling or returning to inventory.

4. Contractor's Scope

- 4.1. Contractor will provide all equipment and labor necessary to complete the construction activities. Contractor will provide construction consumables, including boring fluid, drilling tips/bits, lubricants, as well as tools of the trade.
- 4.2. Contractor will document all CEC-supplied materials utilized for construction and return unused materials to CEC warehouse personnel. Invoices of work performed must match quantities of material charged out.
- 4.3. Contractor will construct following RUS specifications for overhead (Bulletin 1728F-804) and underground (Bulletin 1728F-806) distribution. CEC will provide guidance on elbow and pole top terminations.
- 4.4. Contractor will submit utility locate tickets via North Dakota One Call, 811.
- 4.5. Contractor assumes work will be performed on, or near, energized lines. CEC will coordinate cutovers and schedule outages, if necessary, yet the expectation is to minimize outages to consumers to the greatest extent possible.
- 4.6. Contractor will be responsible for retiring overhead wire and poles as directed by CEC. Documentation is required for the final disposal location of all retired material. Contractor will be responsible for hauling junk poles to the landfill; documented receipts of each load must be submitted to CEC. Retired poles left

with local landowners must be documented with the quantity & location of delivery as well as a hold harmless acknowledgement from the landowner. All metal and wire material shall be returned to the CEC yard for documentation and recycling.

- 4.7. Contractor will be responsible for providing traffic control measures as required by NDDOT, abiding by Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) standards and remaining out of the clear zone with equipment.
- 4.8. Compliance with all utility crossing permits is required, including collection of as-built latitude/longitude coordinates of underground cable along with depth of bore per the permit instructions.
- 4.9. Contractor will follow CEC's safe work practices which exceed or are in addition to Contractor's documented safety plan.
- 4.10. Contractor will follow CEC's wildfire mitigation plan, which regulates the types of activities permissible and under what stipulations during elevated fire danger conditions.
- 4.11. Contractor will pay at minimum the current Davis Bacon Act prevailing wage requirements and submit weekly certified payroll via LCPtracker (web portal for payroll compliance).
- 4.12. Contractor is expected to work Monday-Friday work schedules (hours to be determined by the Contractor), with CEC interfaces for materials and coordination to occur between 8am-4pm.
- 4.13. Contractor may invoice for payment at any time following completion of line segment construction. Invoices are to be submitted on a per-mile basis.
Deviations in scope from these proposal documents to as-constructed costs must be approved by CEC and documented in a change order.

5. **Proposal Requirements**

- 5.1. Completion of Prequalification: Contractor must submit responses to prequalification criteria, which will be utilized by CEC to determine whether a bid should be further considered for the project. The Prequalification form is included as Appendix C.
- 5.2. Summary of Project Approach: Contractor to describe proposed approach to the project, including means and methods anticipated. Any exclusions or exceptions to the scope of work, terms, or other considerations important to the Contractor must be described herein.
- 5.3. Capabilities and Key Personnel: Contractor to describe background and experience in distribution utility construction, including:
 - 5.3.1. Years the Contractor has been in business.
 - 5.3.2. Geographic areas the Contractor operates within.

- 5.3.3. Construction capabilities of the Contractor.
- 5.3.4. Key personnel planned for the project, including resumes. Key personnel would include at minimum the person with overall responsibility for the project (typically owner or project manager) along with the field personnel with direct responsibility for construction (typically foreman, superintendent, or crew leader).
- 5.3.5. Subcontractors planned to be utilized by the Contractor.
- 5.3.6. References: Minimum of three references of utilities for which Contractor has previously performed distribution utility construction services. CEC may be listed as a reference.

5.4. Schedule: Following bid evaluation, successful bidder will be required to complete contract documentation, including insurance and hold harmless documentation. Following award, CEC will complete utility crossing permit applications and staking sheets, resulting in the anticipated schedule to beginning project construction:

- 5.4.1. Request for Proposals Issued: Feb 5, 2026
- 5.4.2. Optional pre-bid meeting, Feb 18, 9am at CEC (Teams link available).
- 5.4.3. Proposals due by 4pm, Feb 26, 2026.
- 5.4.4. Contract completion, utility crossing permits, initial staking (weather permitting) completed by April 17, 2026.
- 5.4.5. With construction assumed to begin May 4, 2026, Contractor is to provide a proposed schedule for installation and retirement of each one-mile segment. Staking activities are typically completed two weeks prior to anticipated construction, as to avoid disturbance of flags/lathe; CEC field support also will coordinate with the Contractor at key interfaces (such as cutovers). To best coordinate with and support the Contractor, a proposed schedule and/or sequence of construction activities must be provided.
- 5.4.6. Completion of construction shall be by July 31, 2027.

5.5. Price: Proposal fees shall be submitted on a fixed lump sum basis, inclusive of all labor, expenses, and subcontractor fees.

- 5.5.1. Pricing shall be submitted based on the specific scope of work per mile of the project.
- 5.5.2. CEC intends to award this contract to the Contractor that it deems most responsive and will provide the most comprehensive and high-quality service to Cooperative inclusive of fee considerations. Cooperative reserves the right to accept other than the lowest price offer and to reject all proposals that are not responsive to this request.

5.6. Acknowledgement of Terms: Contractor is subject to “flow-down” requirements of the terms of federal grant funds allocated to CEC. These terms will be incorporated

into the final contract of the successful bidder. Terms of note for Contractor to acknowledge are as follows:

- 5.6.1. All construction labor to be compliant with Davis Bacon Act requirements, including prevailing wages and weekly certified payroll. Contractor is responsible for submitting payroll information via LCPtracker software.
- 5.6.2. All materials utilized for the project are subject to Build America, Buy America (BABA) provisions. CEC is responsible for compliance with BABA provisions for CEC-supplied project materials. Contractor shall not supply materials without prior approval of CEC, including documentation of BABA certification.
- 5.6.3. Contractor is an equal opportunity employer and abides by Department of Labor regulations prohibiting discrimination.
- 5.6.4. Contractor shall provide general commercial and automobile liability insurance at minimum of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$5,000,000 aggregate per coverage period. Contractor shall provide worker's compensation coverage as required by law.

5.7. Questions regarding the RFP should be submitted via email by February 24, 2026, to:

Greg Owen
Manager of Engineering Services
Capital Electric Cooperative
grego@capitalelec.com

5.8. Submission Requirements: All responses must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on **February 26, 2026**. Mail, deliver or email proposals to:

Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc.
c/o Greg Owen
7401 Yukon Drive
Bismarck ND 58503
grego@capitalelec.com

6. Evaluation Criteria

- 6.1. Bids will be evaluated by CEC on the following criteria (40 points max):
 - 6.1.1. Satisfaction with prequalification requirements (5 points max)
 - 6.1.2. Experience of Key Personnel, including any subcontractors (5 points max)
 - 6.1.3. Thoroughness of bid requirements met by proposal documents (10 points max)
 - 6.1.4. Proposed schedule (5 points max)
 - 6.1.5. Price (10 points max)

6.1.6. Acknowledgement of terms and conditions (5 points max)

7. Submittals

7.1. Prequalification Form

7.2. Proposal, including details of the following:

7.2.1. Summary of Approach

7.2.2. Key Personnel – Subcontractors - References

7.2.3. Schedule

7.2.4. Price

7.2.5. Acknowledgements of Terms – RUS, Grant (DBA)

Appendix A: Summary of project notes and materials

Mile			Installation Notes								Construction Items								Retirement Items							
South 26th	3ph	Plow entire mile, elbow existing 3ph riser									2	12		5125	15375		21		2		5120					
North 26th	3ph	Plow entire mile, bore 1ph road crossing, change pole									1	1		3	16	1	4780	13840	19	1	4		4520	175		
West 1	3ph	Plow entire mile, bore two road crossings, change two poles									1	1	1	2	12	1	6325	16850	19	4	17	1	4970	1230		
West 2	3ph	Two segments of joint-bore 3ph and 1ph, plow around south side of church property per SHPO									2	2	5	38	2	7955	19925	21	3	7	2	5235	515			
West 3	3ph	Bore east side of cemetery to limit ground disturbance, bore three road crossings, elbow existing risers									1	6	40	1	7135	18645	21	1	1	1	5230	315				
West 4	3ph	Bore trees at west end, bore four road crossings and Xfmr taps, plow center and east ends									1	3	3	25	4	6535	17255	24	1	3	3	5330	510			
West 5	3ph	Plow entire mile, bore one road crossing												2	12		5230	15690	20				5205			
West 6	3ph	Plow entire mile, bore two road crossings, change two poles									2	3		3	21	3	6125	16555	21	1	2		5290	730		
West 7	3ph	Bore two sections of trees and two road crossings, elbow existing 3ph riser												1	4	30	1	6430	16670	21		7	1	5490		
West 8	3ph	Plow entire mile, bore two road crossings, elbow existing 3ph riser												1	2	20		6115	16825	20	3	5		5095	705	
West 9	3ph	Plow entire mile, bore two road crossings, elbow existing 3ph riser, set Xfmr for services									1	1	1	4	29	2	6045	16475	20	3	5	2	5555	510		
TOTALS			5	9	10	36	255	15	67800	184105									227	17	53	10	57040	4690		
			1ph Pole	Anchor	Urd	Xfmr	Urd	Can	Elbows	Risers	Line Ft		Wire Ft		3ph Pole	1ph Pole	Anchor	Xfmr	3ph Line Ft	1ph Line Ft						

Material Notes:

1ph Pole Includes pole and all necessary pole top framing hardware, Class 5, 35ft unless noted otherwise
 Anchor Includes all anchor and down guy wire assembly units
 URD Xfmr Includes transformer, basement, ground rod and grounding hardware, secondary connectors
 URD Can Includes sectionalizing cabinet, basement, primary connection module, ground rod and grounding hardware
 Elbows Includes 200A load break elbow and drain wire
 Risers Includes conduit, pole top assembly units, pole ground, ground rod and connectors—all cutouts to be slugged unless noted otherwise; primary and secondary risers
 Line Ft Approximate length of URD installation
 Wire Ft Approximate quantity of URD, including all phases, risers, and excess tails
 URD All single and primary to be #1/0 Solid AL 220mil, 3-phase primary to be #4/0 Stranded AL 220mil, triplex secondary to be #4/0 AL

Appendix B: Detail maps of project segments

Offline GIS Search



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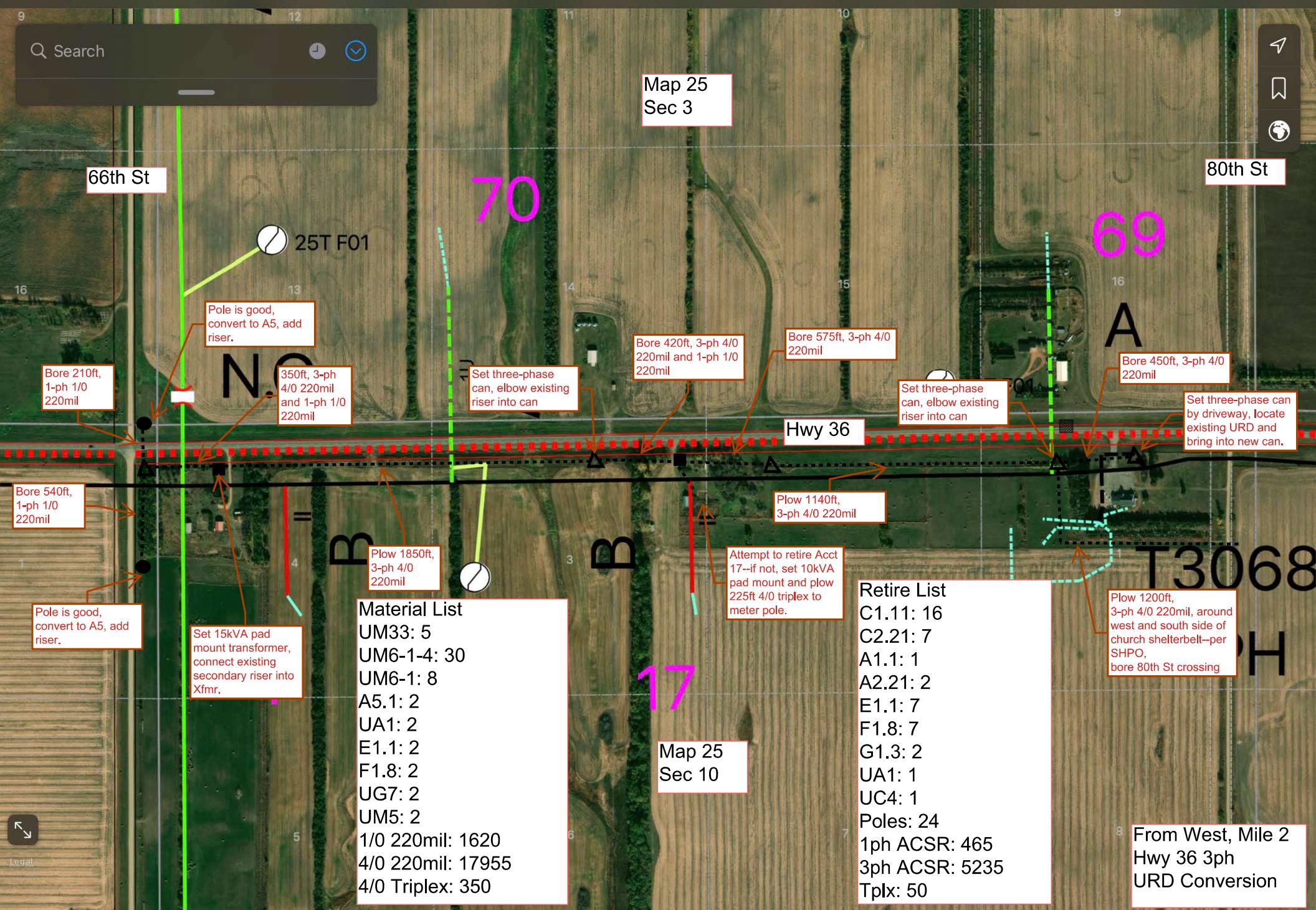
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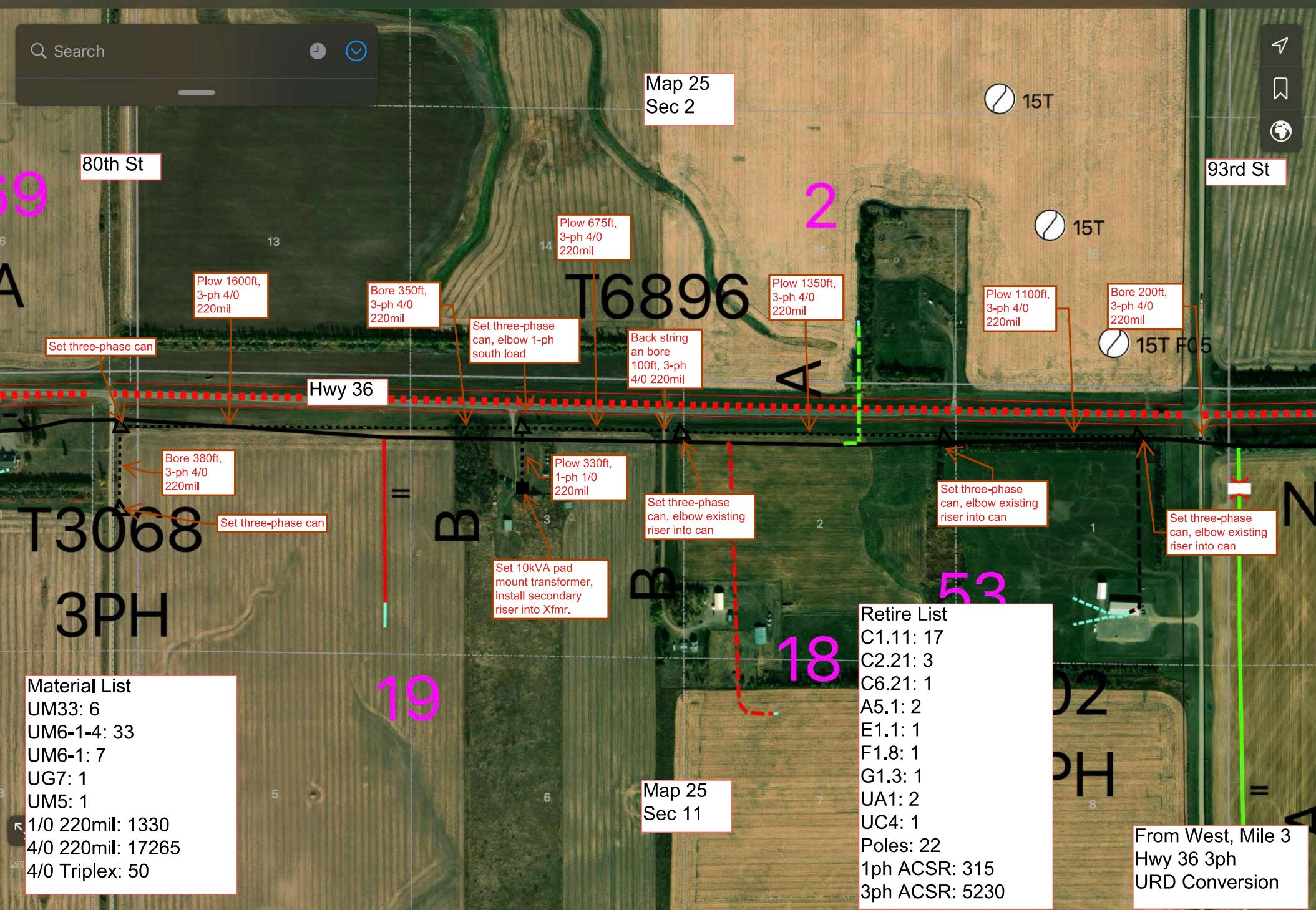
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Search

93rd St

106th St

Map 25
Sec 1Bore 1830ft,
3-ph 4/0
220milPlow 1230ft,
3-ph 4/0
220milSet three-phase
can, elbow two 1-ph
south loadsBack string
and bore
150ft, 3-ph
4/0 220milSet three-phase
can, elbow 1-ph
south loadBack string
and bore
425ft, 3-ph
4/0 220milPlow 1725ft,
3-ph 4/0
220milPlow 300ft,
1-ph 1/0
220milPlow 200ft,
1-ph 1/0
220mil

Hwy 36

N.O.

Pole is good,
convert to A5, add
riser.

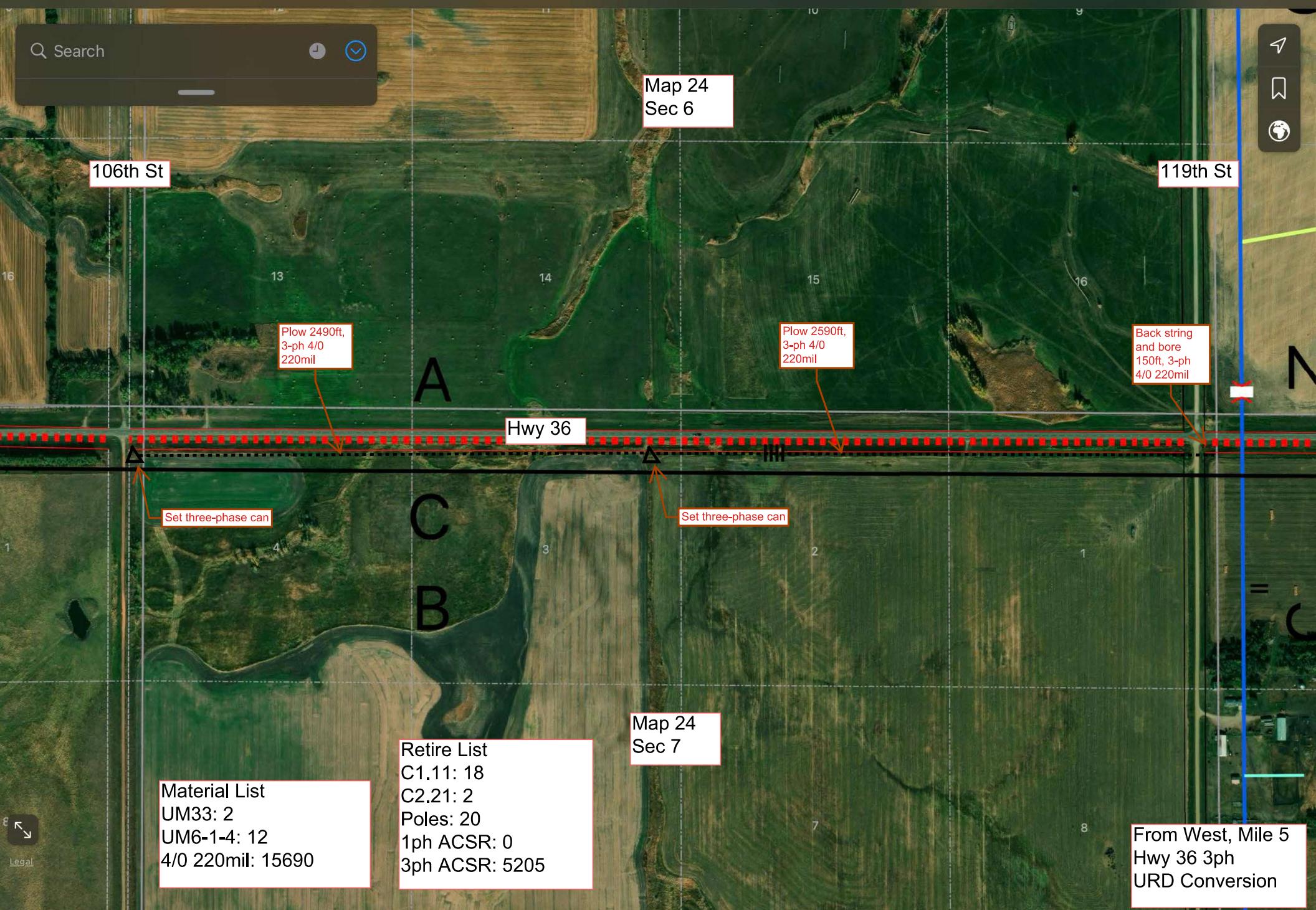
Material List

UM33: 3
UM6-1-4: 18
UM6-1: 7
A5.1: 1
UA1: 1
E1.1: 1
F1.8: 1
UG7: 3
UM5: 3
1/0 220mil: 1025
4/0 220mil: 16080
4/0 Triplex: 150

Retire List

C1.11: 20
C2.21: 2
A1.1: 1
A5.1: 2
E1.1: 3
F1.8: 3
G1.3: 3
Poles: 25
1ph ACSR: 510
3ph ACSR: 5330
Tplx: 115

Set 10kVA pad
mount transformer,
install secondary
riser into Xfrm.Set 25kVA pad
mount transformer
next to meter pole,
install secondary
riser into Xfrm.Set 37.5kVA pad
mount transformer
next to meter pole,
install secondary
riser into Xfrm.Map 25
Sec 12From West, Mile 4
Hwy 36 3ph
URD Conversion

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Search

Map 24
Sec 5

119th St

25T F01

Bore 250ft,
1-ph 1/0
220mil

N.O.

Pole is good,
convert to A5, add
riser.Plow 2600ft,
3-ph 4/0
220mil

Hwy 36

Plow 300ft,
1-ph 1/0
220milSet three-phase can
Change pole,
convert to A5, add
riser.

Set three-phase can

132nd St

Change pole,
convert to A5, add
riser.Bore 210ft,
1-ph 1/0
220mil

Material List
UM33: 3
UM6-1-4: 18
UM6-1: 3
A5.1: 3
UA1: 3
E1.1: 3
F1.8: 3
35/5 Pole: 2
1/0 220mil: 910
4/0 220mil: 15645

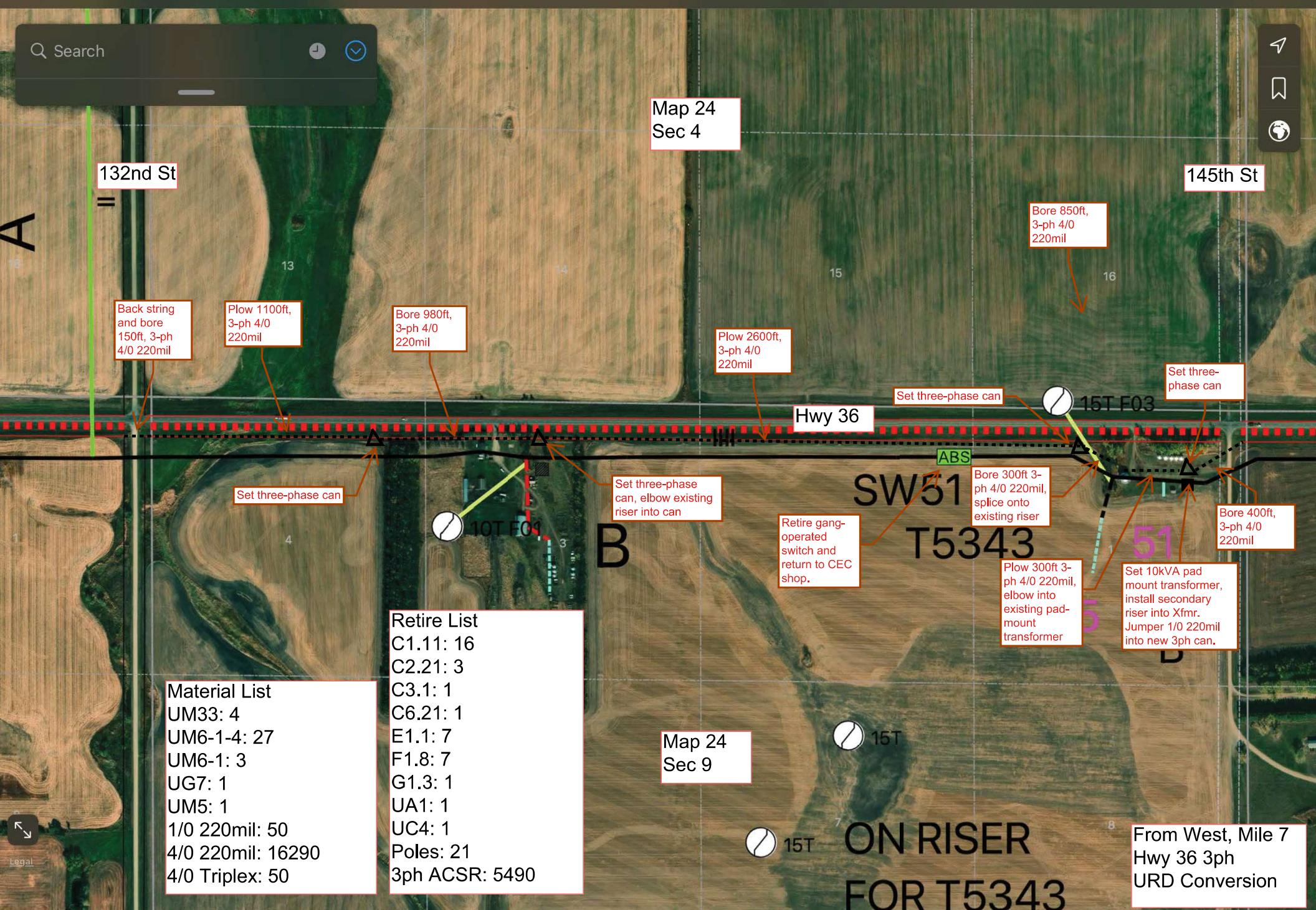
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Map 24
Sec 8

Retire List
C.1.1: 19
C2.21: 2
A1.1: 1
A2.21: 1
A6.21: 3
E1.1: 2
F1.8: 2
Poles: 22
1ph ACSR: 730
3ph ACSR: 5290

From West, Mile 6
Hwy 36 3ph
URD Conversion

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145th St

158th St

Map 24
Sec 3

Leave existing three-phase regulator structure in-place. CEC to evaluate need for and/or connections to regulators after project completion.

Plow 1000ft,
3-ph 4/0
220mil

Set three-phase can, elbow existing riser into can



Hwy 36

Plow 2650ft,
3-ph 4/0
220mil

3

Set 15kVA transformer, remove secondary riser from pole and connect in new Xfmr.

A

Plow 1550ft,
3-ph 4/0
220mil

Back string and bore 150ft, 3-ph 4/0 220mil

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14

15

16

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B

15T F02

Set three-phase can, elbow north load into can

3

C

Retire List
C1.11: 21
C2.21: 1
C3.1: 1
A1.1: 1
A5.1: 1
A2.21: 1
A5.21: 1
E1.1: 5
F1.8: 5
UC4: 1
Poles: 23
3ph ACSR: 5095
1ph ACSR: 705

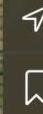
Map 24
Sec 10

Material List
UM33: 2
UM6-1-4: 15
UM6-1: 5
UG7: 1
1/0 220mil: 765
4/0 220mil: 16050

From West, Mile 8
Hwy 36 3ph
URD Conversion

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158th St

Plow 270ft
1-ph 1/0
220milPlow 2600ft,
3-ph 4/0
220mil

Set three-phase can

39

Change pole,
convert to A5,
add riser.Set 10kVA pad mount
transformer,
elbow 30ft jumper 1/0 220mil,
install secondary from
transformer to meter socket on
pole (remove secondary riser
and cut pole above socket)

Material List

UM33: 4
UM6-1-4: 24
UM6-1: 5
A5.1: 1
UA1: 1
E1.1: 1
F1.8: 1
35/5 Pole: 1
UG7: 1
UM5: 1
1/0 220mil: 730
4/0 220mil: 15645
4/0 Triplex: 100

A
Hwy 36C
BMap 24
Sec 2Plow 960ft,
3-ph 4/0
220milSet 10kVA pad
mount transformer,
install secondary
riser into Xfmr.Bore 200ft,
plow 200ft
1-ph 1/0
220milPlow 1650ft,
3-ph 4/0
220milBack string
and bore
250ft, 3-ph
4/0 220milElbow into existing
can V8041

59 NC

V8042

From West, Mile 9
Hwy 36 3ph
URD ConversionRemove breakers
and underbuild
crossarms from
transmission pole.

3
Retire List
C1.11: 17
C2.21: 1
C5.21: 1
C6.21: 1
A1.1: 1
A2.21: 1
A5.1: 1
A5.21: 1
E1.1: 5
F1.8: 5
G1.3: 2
R2.1: 1
UC4: 2
Poles: 23
3ph ACSR: 5555
1ph ACSR: 510

Map 24
Sec 11

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Appendix C: Prequalification of Contractor

The following questions are required to be completed by the bidder for proposals to be considered by CEC. Falsification of responses will result in exclusion of bids.

1. Is your organization a licensed contractor in good standing in the state of North Dakota?

Yes
 No
 No, but able to be licensed and in good standing by the time of contract award

2. Does your organization have distribution utility construction experience in Burleigh County, ND?

Yes
 No
 No, but able to document understanding of soil conditions in Burleigh County and can provide evidence of experience in similar conditions.

3. Does your organization have a documented safety program?

Yes
 No
 No, but able to provide by time of the contract award

4. Is your organization able to perform distribution utility construction on energized lines (hot work)?

Yes
 No
 Yes, but under the following conditions (attach additional sheets as needed):

5. Does your organization have at least one journeyman line worker on staff?

Yes
 No
 No, but will have at least one journeyman line worker on subcontractor staff

6. Does your organization meet Davis Bacon requirements of meeting prevailing wages and weekly payroll?

Yes
 No
 No, but will meet Davis Bacon requirements for this project

7. Does your organization possess the equipment necessary to complete the project?

Yes

No

No, but will obtain the equipment directly or via subcontractors for this project

8. Is your organization presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency?

Yes

No

Yes, but can be resolved by the time of the contract award

I hereby certify these answers are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I am an authorized representative of the organization to attest to these statements.

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Organization

Date