

# Center to Grand Forks Project



## The Center to Grand Forks (CGF) Project

### Supporting Renewable Energy

Creating renewable energy is an important part of our country's future. North Dakota has abundant energy resources and we're already an energy-exporting state, but we have the potential to do more, especially when it comes to wind resources. North Dakota ranks first in the country for wind energy potential. As wind generation continues to expand in North Dakota, increased demands are placed on the current transmission network.

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (Minnkota) has proposed the construction of approximately 260 miles of 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from Center to Grand Forks, N.D. This project is referred to as Center to Grand Forks or CGF Project. The project is anticipated to be completed by early 2013 in order to enable the transmission of energy from a planned wind power development to be carried on an existing transmission line. Reallocation of energy to this new line may allow more energy from potential future wind power developments to be carried. The CGF Project allows Minnkota to meet its energy demands without building a new power plant.

### Soliciting Input from the Public

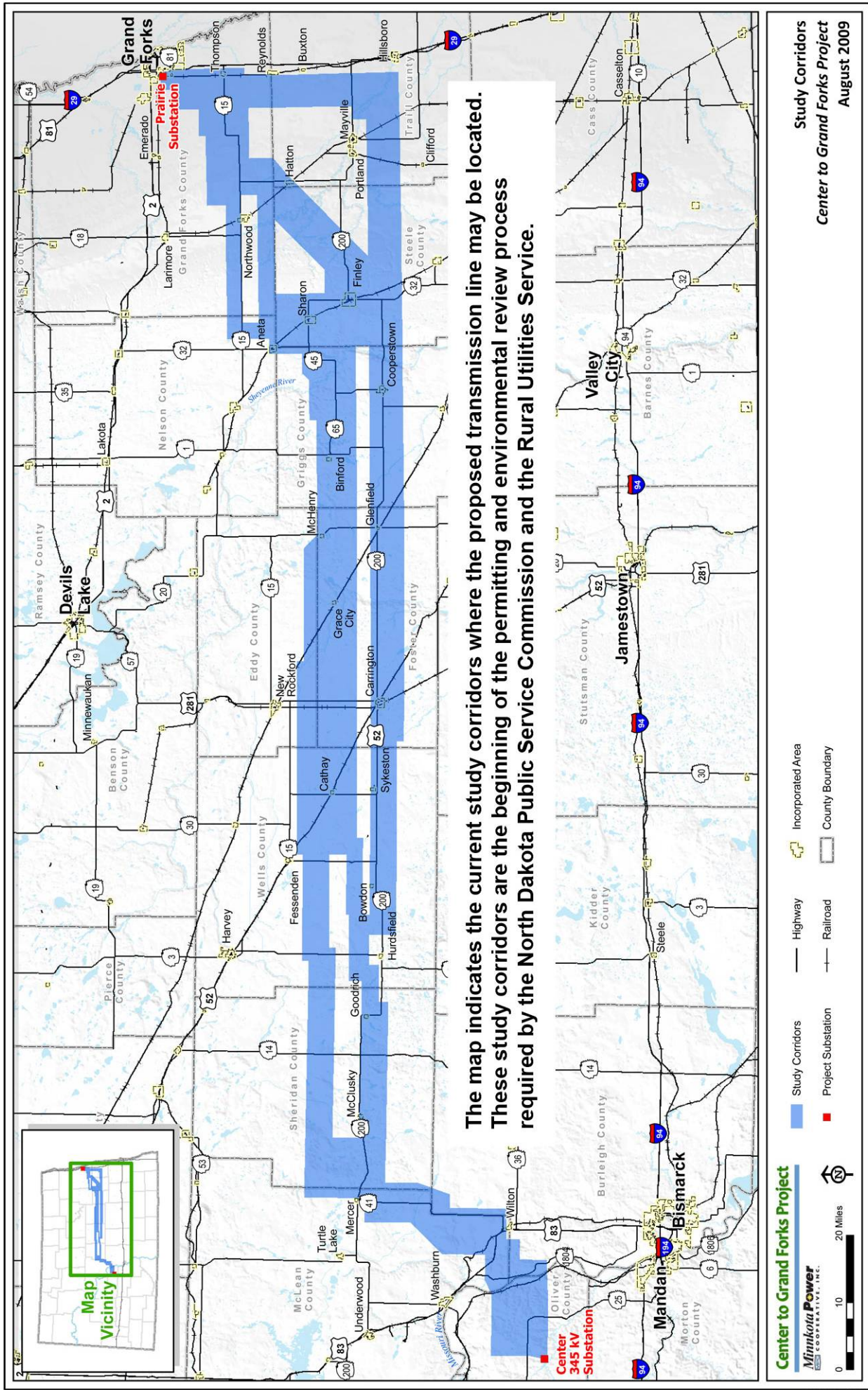
Tonight's open house is intended to announce the project and answer questions. In addition, this meeting is intended to gather information from the public on identified study corridors that will assist in developing routes for the permitting process. A map showing these study corridors is provided on the back of this sheet.

As indicated in the graphic below, this meeting is the first of several opportunities for public involvement that will occur throughout the project.



Those unable to attend the meetings may send their comments and questions to the Project Manager as listed below. Additionally, comments and questions may be submitted using a toll free project hotline (800-473-5679) that has been set up or on the web at [www.minnkota.com](http://www.minnkota.com); look for the Center to Grand Forks project link.

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The map indicates the current study corridors where the proposed transmission line may be located. These study corridors are the beginning of the permitting and environmental review process required by the North Dakota Public Service Commission and the Rural Utilities Service.

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Study Corridors (Blue line)  
 Highway (Black line)  
 Project Substation (Red square)  
 Railroad (Black line with cross-ticks)  
 Incorporated Area (Yellow outline)  
 County Boundary (Black outline)

Data Sources: NDDOT, NDSMC, USBDC.