

EXHIBIT 12

The current Crowned Ridge II transmission line reflects changes from our original application in relation to three aspects of infrastructure designed to accommodate landowner requests and minimize conflicting environmental constraints. In general, these changes involve taller and more self-supporting structures. The changes include 1) increasing pole and structure heights to account for the use of more self-supporting structures, and 2) a decrease in overall line length from 7 miles to 4.8 miles and associated reduction in total number of structures, and 3) a shift in substation location to help accommodate landowner concerns and to support the Applicant's efforts to reduce the overall line length of the project. The centerline for the Crowned Ridge II transmission line is attached.

No changes to the ROW width or average span length are proposed.

Increasing Pole and Structure Heights

The original application filed by Crowned Ridge 2 referenced tubular steel poles with an estimated maximum height of 100 feet. The Applicant is now proposing an increase of maximum pole height up to 120 feet. Taller poles and structures are necessary to accommodate landowner preferences for non-guyed structures and to minimize conflicting environmental constraints. Sixteen of the 34 poles or structures are now proposed to exceed the height of 100 feet and range up to a maximum height of 120 feet. Of the 16 poles over 100 feet, 11 structures are increasing 10 feet or less (ranging from 100 to 110 feet), and 5 structures are increasing between 10 feet to 20 feet (ranging from 111 to 120 feet).

Taller structure heights are necessary to address 1) landowner requests (11 of 16 structures), 2) avoidance of environmental constraints such as wetlands and cultural/tribal resources (3 of 16 structures), or 3) negotiated placement balancing a combination of landowner preferences and environmental constraints (3 of 16 structures).

Table 1. Revised structure types and heights proposed for all structures over 100 feet tall.

Structure Number	Structure Type	Height (ft)
1	SELF-SUPPORT DEADEND	120
5	HEAVY TANGENT	120
6	SELF-SUPPORT DEADEND	110
7	LIGHT TANGENT	115
10	LIGHT TANGENT	110
11	HEAVY TANGENT	110
12	SELF-SUPPORT	110

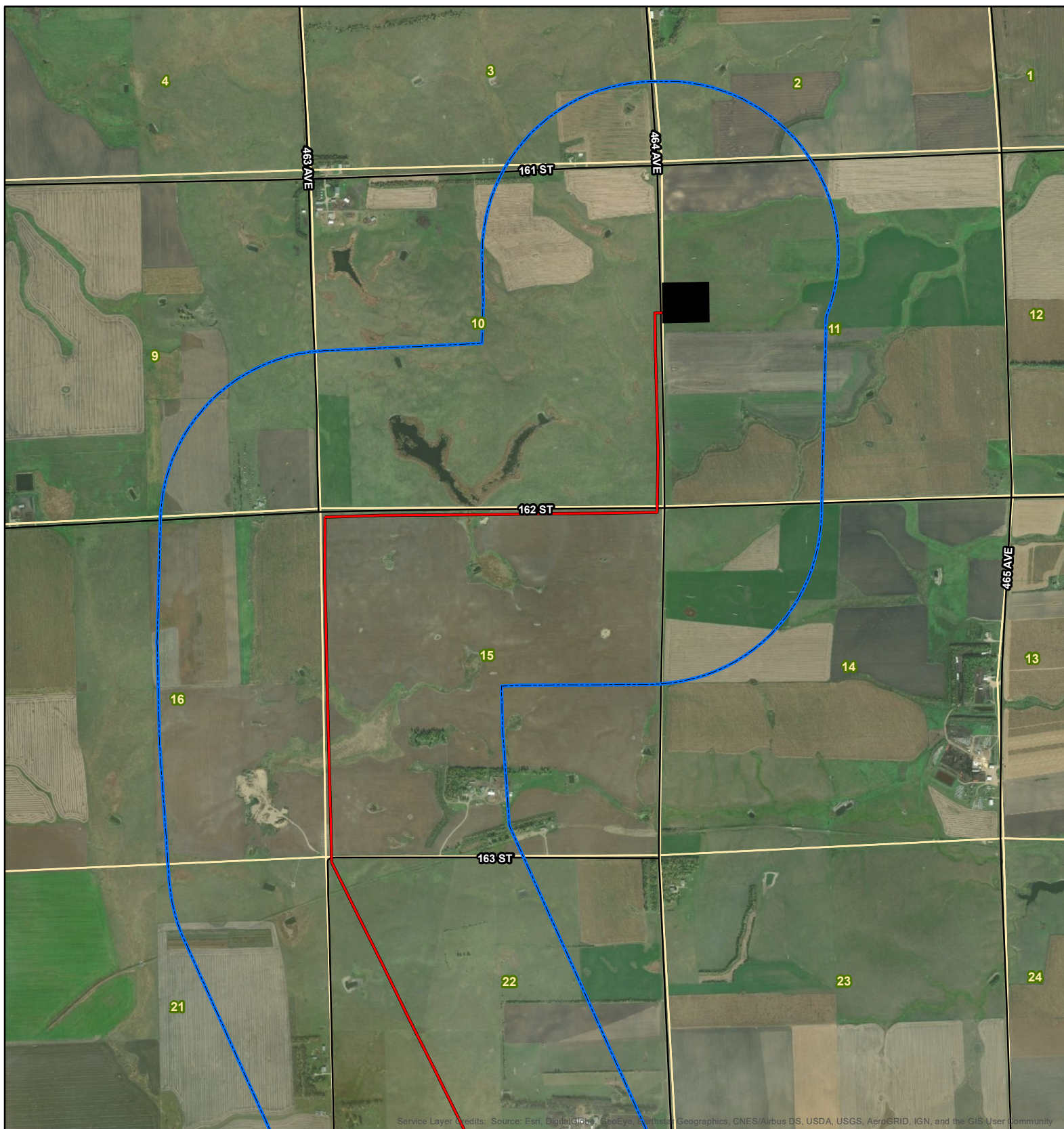
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19	SS MEDIUM ANGLE	105
20	LIGHT TANGENT	110
21	LIGHT TANGENT	105
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23	LIGHT TANGENT	105
25	HEAVY TANGENT	120
26	SS MEDIUM ANGLE	115
31	HEAVY TANGENT	105
33	HEAVY TANGENT	110

The response to Staff DR-15 on the status of easements as set forth below has the same status today as when answered.

Staff DR 1-5. When will the Applicant conclude its due diligence on the private lands on which the project is located to explore the possibility of locating the Project in a manner that creates greater distance from Mr. Stricherz's residence?

Response:

The Applicant has concluded the necessary due diligence on private lands. The Applicant is currently working with a landowner to determine the final location of the project on that landowner's property, which will likely result in the project being approximately 1,800 ft. distance from the Stricherz' residence.



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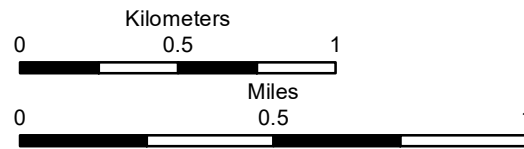
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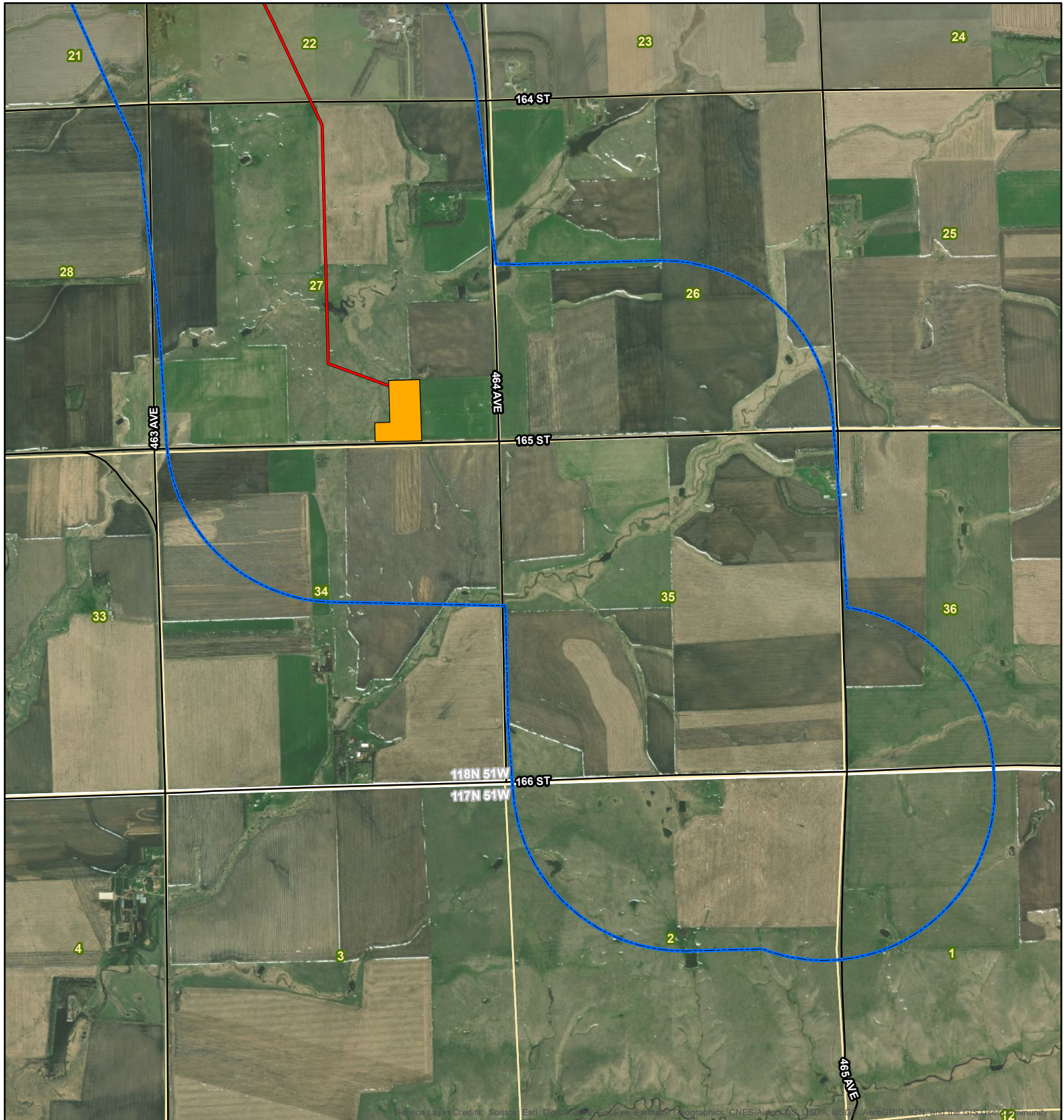
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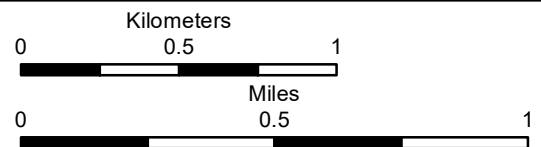
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