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NORTH DAKOTA REGULATORY OFFICE
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BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA 58504-7565

April 20, 2023

NWO-2023-00559-BIS

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Attn: Ms. Billi Jean Portscheller
1600 E Interstate Ave Suite 106
Bismarck, North Dakota 58503

Dear Ms. Portscheller:

This is in response to information received on April 17, 2023 regarding the proposed Consolidated Enterprises, Inc. construction of fiber optic facilities project, serving the City of Belfield and surrounding area. The project is located throughout Billings, Stark, and Slope Counties, North Dakota.

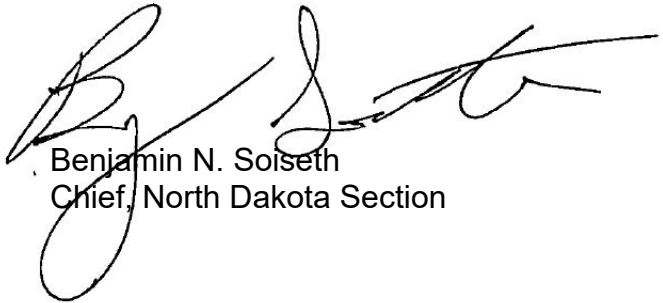
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Offices administer Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (Section 404). A Section 404 permit would be required for the discharge of dredge or fill material (temporarily or permanently) in waters of the United States. Waters of the United States may include, but are not limited to, rivers, streams, ditches, coulees, lakes, ponds, and their adjacent wetlands. Fill material includes, but is not limited to, rock, sand, soil, clay, plastics, construction debris, wood chips, overburden from mines or other excavation activities and materials used to create any structure or infrastructure in waters of the United States.

Based on the information contained in your letter, the Corps has determined that your proposed project may need a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit if there is a discharge of dredge or fill material into any types of waters listed in the paragraph above. HDD boring under Section 404 waters or wetlands is not regulated and no Section 404 permit is required as long as the entrance/exit bore holes are located in uplands. If you decide to submit a permit application, the permit application and instructions for completing the application are enclosed and may also be found at: <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/Obtain-a-Permit>. Be sure to accurately describe all proposed work and construction methodology. Once the application is complete, mail it to the letterhead address or to the email address (preferred) below.

The North Dakota Regulatory office prefers that all submissions are sent electronically to the following email address: CENWO-OD-RND@usace.army.mil instead of a hard copy by mail. Please split large attachments (>25 MB) into multiple emails if needed.

Please refer to identification number NWO-2023-00559-BIS in any correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Nygard at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, North Dakota Regulatory Office, 3319 University Drive, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504-7565, by email at Jeremy.S.Nygard@usace.army.mil, or telephone at (701) 255-0015 X 2006. For more information regarding our program, please visit our website at <http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryProgram/NorthDakota.aspx>.

Sincerely,



Benjamin N. Solseth
Chief, North Dakota Section

Enclosure