

# Industrial Commission of North Dakota



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## **Industrial Commission awards \$2.6M in funding for Electric Grid Resilience**

**BISMARCK, ND** - The North Dakota Industrial Commission, comprised of Gov. Kelly Armstrong, Attorney General Drew Wrigley and Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring, approved \$2.6 million in matching grants in the latest round of grid resiliency funding under Section 40101(d) of the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

The objective of the program, which has a funding composition of 85% federal and 15% state funds, is to improve the resilience of the electric grid against disruptive events caused by extreme weather, wildfire or natural disasters

The approved grid resilience projects include:

- \$515,900 to McLean Electric Cooperative for upgrading oil circuit reclosers to dielectric reclosers
- \$2,086,456 to Montana Dakota Utilities for its "Merricourt Sub-Transmission Upgrade" project

"We commend the project sponsors for their investments in energy resiliency," the Commission said in a joint statement. "The projects approved today demonstrate North Dakota's commitment to remaining at the forefront of energy transmission security, reliability and innovation."

More information about the program may be found on the Industrial Commission's website at <https://www.ndic.nd.gov>.