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Public Outreach Materials

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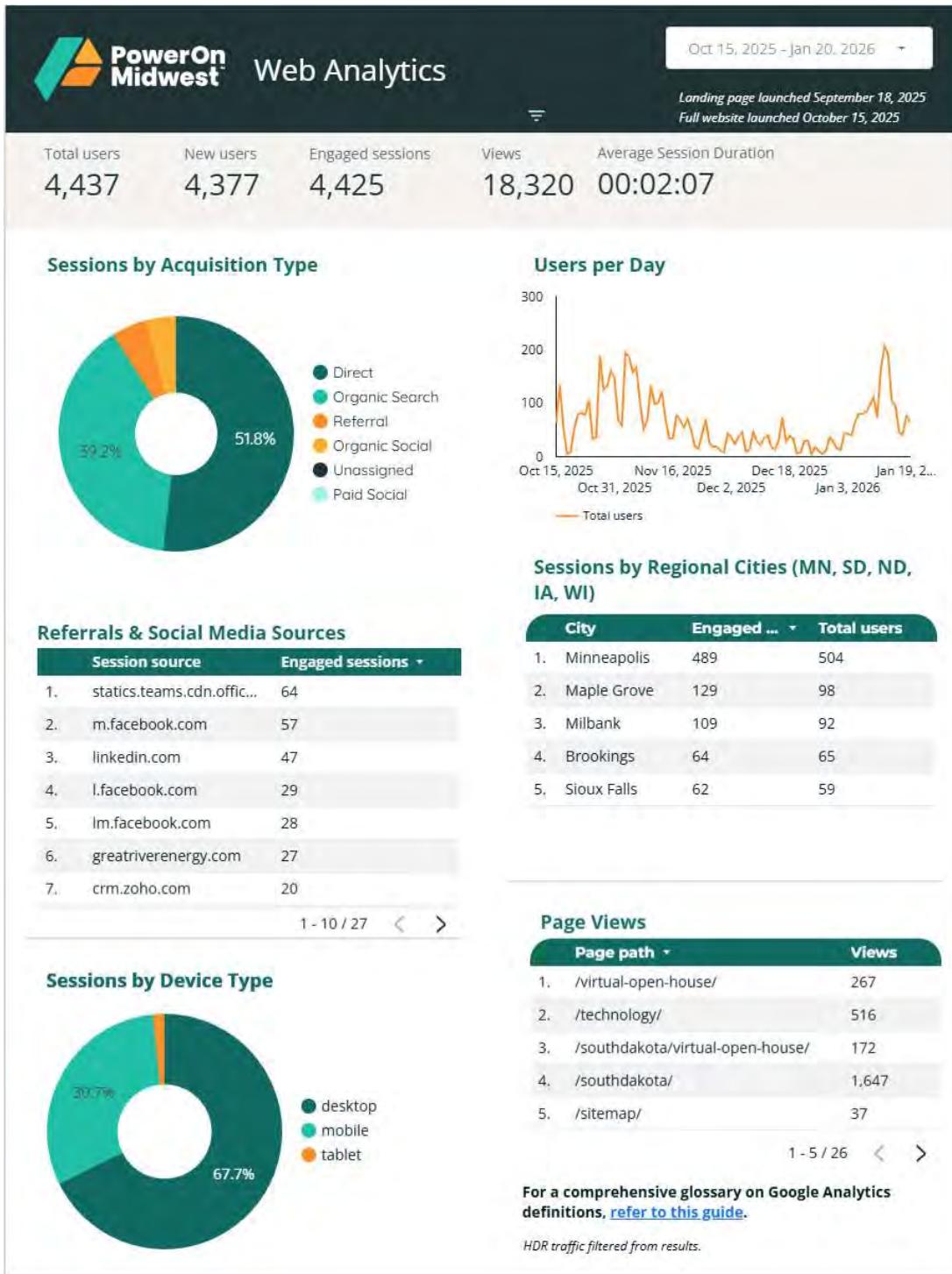
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Project communication channels

Website analytics





Website screenshots

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The image contains two parts. On the left is the Great River Energy logo, which consists of a stylized 'G' icon followed by the text 'GREAT RIVER ENERGY'. On the right is a photograph of a person wearing a white hard hat and safety glasses, working inside a blue and green tent-like structure, possibly a temporary shelter or a tent. The background shows some blurred lights and structures, suggesting an outdoor night environment.

The image features the Otter Tail Power Company logo on the left, which consists of a stylized 'O' with a swoosh and the text 'Otter Tail' in a bold, sans-serif font, with 'POWER COMPANY' in smaller letters below. To the right is a photograph of a woman in a teal sweater and white pants helping a young child in a blue and white striped pajama top and blue pants put on a blue headband. The child is sitting in a high chair with a yellow harness. The background is a plain white wall.

The image shows a green header with the text 'Get involved' and a subtext about the campaign. Below the header are three colored boxes: orange, yellow, and teal. Each box contains a title, a short description, and a 'SIGN UP' button.

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Events

Minnesota events | South Dakota events

WORKING TOGETHER

PowerOn Midwest will offer multiple opportunities for stakeholders, Tribal entities, landowners, and the public to provide input into the route development process.

Minnesota events

Your participation is vital to developing this project. We held public open house meetings in November 2025.

Outreach materials

We shared these items at the November 2025 public open house meetings. The contents of these materials are subject to change.

-  Boards
-  Banners

South Dakota events

We held public open house meetings in October 2025. Outreach materials presented at the open house meetings can be found below. The next round of open house meetings is anticipated in early 2026.

October 2025 Outreach Materials

-  Boards
-  Banners

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A screenshot of the PowerOn Midwest website. At the top, there is a dark header with the 'PowerOn Midwest' logo, a 'Select Language' dropdown, and links for 'FAQs', 'About us', 'Media & vendors', and contact icons. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for 'Technology', 'Segments', 'Regulatory process', 'Routing process', 'Events', 'Library', and 'Contact us'. The main content area has a teal background and features a large, bold, white 'Frequently Asked Questions' heading. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'FAQs' section with a sub-headline 'Check back soon!'.

FAQs

Check back soon!

A screenshot of the PowerOn Midwest website's newsletter sign-up form. The form is titled 'Stay informed' and includes the sub-headline 'Receive project news and updates.' It features input fields for 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Email*', and a dropdown menu for 'Select your County'. Below these fields is a note: 'You can select multiple counties. Selected counties will appear as options above.' At the bottom of the form is a reCAPTCHA field with the text 'I'm not a robot' and a checkbox, followed by an orange 'Subscribe' button. The footer of the page includes links for 'Sitemap', 'Accessibility', 'About us', 'FAQs', 'Media', and 'Contact us'.



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- Agriculture
- Land rights process
- Overview
- Minnesota regulatory process
- Minnesota route development process
- 765 kV structures
- The Basics: Electromagnetic Fields (EMF)

South Dakota

- Agriculture
- County regulatory process
- Electromagnetic Fields (EMF)
- Land rights acquisition process
- Overview
- Route development process
- South Dakota regulatory process
- 765 kV Structures

Regulatory filings

Visit the [Regulatory process](#) page to learn more about the Certificate of Need and Route Permit processes with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) and the Facility Permit process with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SD PUC).

Regulatory filing documents can be accessed below:

- Certificate of Need (MN): February 2026

The Certificate of Need (CON) identifies the issues the proposed project is designed to solve (the need for the project) and reviews how the project benefits the state and region. The application must include the type of infrastructure proposed, size, general engineering information, estimated costs, alternatives that were evaluated, and other state required information. PowerOn Midwest will submit a CON application to the MPUC in early 2026.

+ Route Permit applications (MN): 2026-2027

+ Facility Permit (SD) - 2026

+ Conditional Use Permits (SD) - 2026

MN PUC Docket

To view the filings and subscribe to the Project's dockets (Certificate of Need and/or Route Permits), visit the [MPUC e-dockets](#) page. From there, you can learn more about eDockets and find our docket by clicking "Go to eDockets" and searching for the docket numbers.

CON docket #: 26-117

Route Permit dockets:
Each segment will have its own Route Permit docket number. Visit the [segment](#) pages to learn more.

SD PUC Docket

To view the filings, visit the SD PUC's [electric dockets](#) page. From there, you can learn more about eDockets and find our docket by clicking "2025 Electric Dockets" and searching for the docket number.

Facility permit docket # coming soon!

Outreach materials

Visit the [Events](#) page to view materials presented at in-person and virtual public engagement events.

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Advisories

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Suppliers and vendors

PowerOn Midwest utility teams look for opportunities to work with local suppliers and vendors as much as possible throughout construction and restoration. If you are interested in sharing your company's contact information with us, please [send us an email](#).



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Regulatory process

Certificate of Need Route Permit Facility Permit

A COMPREHENSIVE PROCESS

PowerOn Midwest has segments in Minnesota and South Dakota, with each state following its own regulatory process. Each state follows specific siting and review laws, and includes opportunities for public involvement and input. The rules governing large energy projects consider potential impacts on the environment, respect residents in the routing area, and support orderly infrastructure development in the state.

Minnesota regulatory process

PowerOn Midwest must undergo a comprehensive state regulatory review by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC). This includes two key approvals:

— Certificate of Need (CON)

The CON identifies the issues the proposed project is designed to solve (the need for the project) and reviews how the project benefits the state and region. The application must include the type of infrastructure proposed, site, general engineering information, estimated costs, system alternatives that were evaluated, and other state required information. PowerOn Midwest will submit a CON application to the MPUC in early 2026.



Step 1: Application filing and completeness review

The MPUC reviews the application for completeness and invites public comment. Once deemed complete, the case is typically assigned to an independent Administrative Law Judge, who presides over the review process.

Step 2: Intervention opportunity

Anyone can comment meetings and submit comments without formally intervening, i.e. becoming a "party" to the proceeding. Persons who want to become a party must submit a request to the Administrative Law Judge. Parties may present formal arguments, testimony, and cross examine witnesses – often with legal representation (although not required for individuals). Formal intervention is not required to submit comments on the application.

Step 3: Environmental Report scoping public meetings

The MPUC prepares an Environmental Report (ER) to evaluate human and environmental impacts related to a project. Public meetings are conducted to explain the process and gather comments on issues and alternatives that should be addressed in the Environmental Report. Written comments may also be submitted to the MPUC at this time and mailing notices are published locally.

Step 4: Scoping decision

Before the MPUC prepares the Environmental Report, it reviews all public input and publishes its Scoping Decision, which outlines the issues to be addressed in the Environmental Report.

Step 5: Environmental Report (ER)

The MPUC gathers information, then prepares and publishes the ER, which must be done before public hearings can take place.

Step 6: MPUC public hearings for the CON

The MPUC holds public hearings presided by an Administrative Law Judge. Notice is published in local newspapers and mailed to landowners and local governments prior to the start of the hearings. Anyone can present comments and express opinions concerning the utility's proposal or alternatives and the ER. The Administrative Law Judge provides a report that summarizes the hearing record, including public comments, and makes recommendations to the MPUC.

Step 7: MPUC CON Decision

The MPUC makes the final decision about whether to issue a Certificate of Need. In making its decision, the MPUC considers all information in the record and deliberates at a formal MPUC meeting.

+ Route Permit

South Dakota regulatory process

In South Dakota, PowerOn Midwest requires a Facility Permit from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SD PUC) and a Conditional Use Permit from the counties where the project is located.

+ Facility Permit

+ County regulatory process

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Segments

Study area

This map shows the area that will be studied during the upcoming route development process. PowerOn Midwest will offer multiple opportunities for stakeholders, Tribal entities, landowners, and the public to provide input into the route development process.

Segments

Big Stone South- Brookings County- SD/MN Border 765 kV

MISO LRTP #22 - South Dakota portion
ITC Midwest, Otter Tail Power Company, Xcel Energy

SD/MN Border- Lakefield Junction 765 kV

MISO LRTP #22 - Minnesota portion
ITC Midwest, Otter Tail Power Company, Xcel Energy

Lakefield Junction- MN/IA border 765 kV

MISO LRTP #23
ITC Midwest

Lakefield Junction- Pleasant Valley- North Rochester 765 kV

MISO LRTP #24
Great River Energy, ITC Midwest, Xcel Energy

Pleasant Valley- North Rochester- Hampton 345 kV

MISO LRTP #25
Xcel Energy, Dairyland Power Cooperative, Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, the City of Rochester

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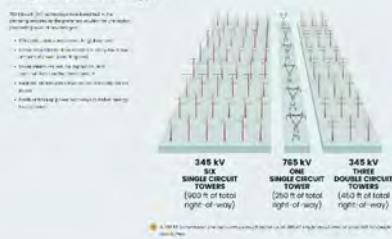


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THE PREFERRED SOLUTION

After careful consideration, the preferred solution for the transmission line is the 765 kV single circuit. This solution provides the best balance of cost, reliability, and environmental impacts.

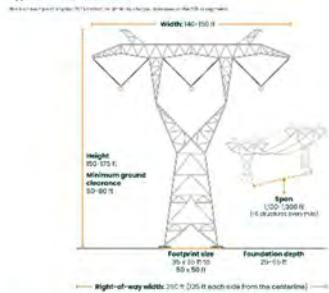
Why 765 kV technology?



Structure types

Structures are designed to withstand the most extreme weather conditions. They are built to last and are designed to be as light as possible.

Typical 765 kV structures



Typical 345 kV structures

Structures are designed to withstand the most extreme weather conditions. They are built to last and are designed to be as light as possible.

Cutting typical wood and steel H-frame structure (single)



Preliminary typical structure (double circuit)



Land rights overview

Land rights are required for the transmission line right-of-way. The right-of-way is the area where the transmission line is located, and it is typically 250 feet wide (125 feet on each side of the centerline). The right-of-way is used for the transmission line, its structures, and associated equipment.

Our land rights acquisition process

Our process follows a standard land rights acquisition process to ensure a smooth and efficient process.

Buy the Farm

Interested in buying the farm? If so, it's important to understand the right-of-way and the impact it will have on your property. It's also important to understand the terms and conditions of the sale, including the price, the timeline, and the legal requirements.

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Local Government Unit outreach

Local Government Unit letter



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RE: You're invited to attend PowerOn Midwest public open houses

Hello,

Please join us at an upcoming open house to learn about PowerOn Midwest.

PowerOn Midwest is a series of new electric transmission projects anchored by a 765 kV backbone transmission line being developed by Great River Energy, ITC Midwest, Otter Tail Power Company and Xcel Energy. The projects will connect eastern South Dakota, southern Minnesota and the broader region, enhancing grid reliability in the Upper Midwest to meet growing and evolving energy needs in the coming decades.

As demand grows and the energy landscape rapidly changes, PowerOn Midwest will help our communities continue to receive the reliable energy they depend on. We're meeting this demand with reliable low-cost electricity, while prioritizing the stability and resiliency of our energy infrastructure.

Regulatory approvals

New transmission line proposals like PowerOn Midwest require two key regulatory approvals from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC). The first is a Certificate of Need, which highlights the issues the projects will solve. We anticipate submitting an application for a Certificate of Need in early 2026.

The second approval is a Route Permit. PowerOn Midwest is in the early stages of project development and we have not yet identified transmission line route options. Over the course of the next year and a half, we will provide numerous opportunities for landowners, local governments, tribal entities, and other stakeholders to provide input on route options, for consideration before filing the Route Permit. We anticipate Route Permit applications for each project to be filed with the MPUC in 2027.



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Enclosed is a map that shows the preliminary study area.

Open house schedule

One of the opportunities for public engagement is a series of upcoming open houses, which are designed to introduce you and your community to the PowerOn Midwest projects and provide an opportunity to meet our team who will be available to answer questions. Below you will find the dates, times and locations for each open house. Feel free to attend the session that best fits your schedule as each meeting will have the same information, including project displays and maps.

Can't make it? Learn more by visiting the project website at PowerOnMidwest.com. A virtual open house opportunity will be available November 3-21 and will share the same information, displays, and maps from the in-person public open houses.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Monday, Nov. 3	10 am – 12 pm	Lake Benton Area Community & Event Center, 114 Center St. S, Lake Benton, MN 56149
Monday, Nov. 3	4 pm – 6 pm	Five Family Ranch, 2717 County Road 6, Marshall, MN 56258
Tuesday, Nov. 4	10 am – 12 pm	Hiawatha Lodge, 201 4 th St. NW, Pipestone, MN 56164
Tuesday, Nov. 4	4 pm – 6 pm	America Legion, 106 W Front St., Fulda, MN 56131
Wednesday, Nov. 5	10 am – 12 pm	Worthington Event Center, 1447 Prairie Dr., Worthington, MN 56187
Wednesday, Nov. 5	4 pm – 6pm	Generations Event Center, 105 S. Estey St., Luverne, MN 56156
Thursday, Nov. 6	10 am – 12 pm 4 pm – 6 pm	Heron Lake Community Center, 312 10 th St., Heron Lake, MN 56137
Monday, Nov. 10	10 am – 12 pm	Windom Community Center, 1750 Cottonwood Lake Dr., Windom, MN 56101
Monday, Nov. 10	4 pm – 6 pm	Knights of Columbus, 920 East 10 th St., Fairmont, MN 56031





Tuesday, Nov. 11	10 am – 12 pm	Naseic Event Center, 789 Business Park Dr., Wells, MN 56097
Tuesday, Nov. 11	4 pm – 6 pm	Wedgewood Cove, 2200 W. 9 th St., Albert Lea, MN 56007
Wednesday, Nov. 12	10 am – 12 pm 4 pm – 6 pm	Events by Saker, 401 8 th St. SE, Kasson, MN 55944
Thursday, Nov. 13	10 am – 12 pm	Hormel Nature Center, 1304 21 st St. NE, Austin, MN 55912
Thursday, Nov. 13	4 pm – 6 pm	Zumbrota VFW, 21 st E. 1 st St., Zumbrota, MN 55992
Friday, Nov. 14	9 am – 11 am	Grand 02 Event Center, 32057 64 th Ave., Cannon Falls, MN 55009

We hope to see you at one of our upcoming public open houses and invite you to visit our website at PowerOnMidwest.com, email us at Connect@PowerOnMidwest.com, or leave us a message at 888.283.4678 to stay connected and informed.

Sincerely,



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Local Government Unit contact list

PowerOn Midwest mailed a letter above to local government units including townships, cities, and counties in the Project Study Area. Additionally, PowerOn Midwest sent the letter to State and Federal elected officials whose legislative districts overlap the Project Study Area. The list of these local government units and State and Federal elected officials was included in the Reply Comments efiled by PowerOn Midwest on November 10, 2025 (Document ID: [202511-224812-01](#)).

County Board presentations overview table

County	Date / Time	Audience description
Faribault	Oct. 7, 2025 – 9 am	County Board
Martin	Oct. 7, 2025 – 9 am	County Board
Lyon	Oct. 7, 2025 – 9 am	County Board
Mower	Oct. 14, 2025 – 9 am	County Board
Pipestone	Oct. 14, 2025 – 9 am	County Board
Steele	Oct. 14, 2025 – 4 pm	County Board
Goodhue	Oct. 27, 2025 – 12:30 pm	Presentation to county staff
Dodge	Oct. 28, 2025 – 5 pm	County Board
Jackson	Nov. 4, 2025 – 9 am	County Board
Lincoln	Nov. 4, 2025 – 10 am	County Board

Dakota	Nov. 6, 2025 – 9 am	Physical Development Committee
Olmsted	Nov. 18, 2025 – 1 pm	Physical Development Committee
Nobles	Nov. 18, 2025 – 9 am	County Board
Cottonwood	Dec. 2, 2025 – 4 pm	County Board
Waseca	Dec. 2, 2025 – 9:30 am	County Board
Murray	Dec. 2, 2025 – 8:30 am	County Board
Freeborn	Dec. 12, 2025 – 8:30 am	County Board Workshop
Redwood	Dec. 16, 2025 – 8:30 am	County Board
Rock	Jan. 20, 2026 – 9:30 am	County Board



County Board presentation slide deck



Agenda

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Utility team

Great River Energy | ITC Midwest | Otter Tail Power Company | Xcel Energy



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PowerOn Midwest

Electricity use is growing throughout the Upper Midwest and **demand is expected to increase significantly** over the next two decades.

This increase in electric use, combined with the changing ways electricity is generated, requires new long-term solutions to meet the needs of our communities, states, and region to ensure we can continue delivering the reliable service you need to power your daily lives.

PowerOn Midwest— tomorrow's reliability starts today.

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Project benefits



**Reliable
electricity**



**Customer and
economic benefits**



Future-ready grid

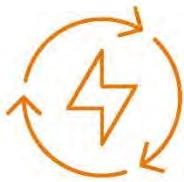


**Access to new
generation**



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Project benefits



Reliable electricity

We know our customers and cooperative members expect:

- Consistent power delivery in any season, under any conditions.
- Access to cost-effective generation such as wind and solar.
- A grid that enables new technologies and supports technologies that reduce emissions.



Project benefits

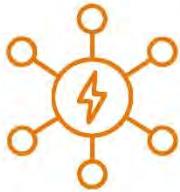


Customer and economic benefits

- Enabling cost-efficient generation and improving reliability compared to other more expensive solutions.
- Between \$7 billion and \$25 billion in economic benefits.
- PowerOn Midwest will help our local communities and region can continue to grow.



Project benefits



Future-ready grid

Electricity demand is expected to grow significantly over the coming decades.

This growth is driven by:

- New and expanded manufacturing.
- Expanded electrification of our homes and businesses.

The current transmission system cannot handle this level of growth without significant upgrades.

PowerOn Midwest is the answer, a 765 kV backbone able to carry more power from where it's generated to where it's needed.



Project benefits



Access to new generation

The way we generate power is changing.

Over the past two decades, many coal plants have been retired across the Upper Midwest and this is expected to continue.

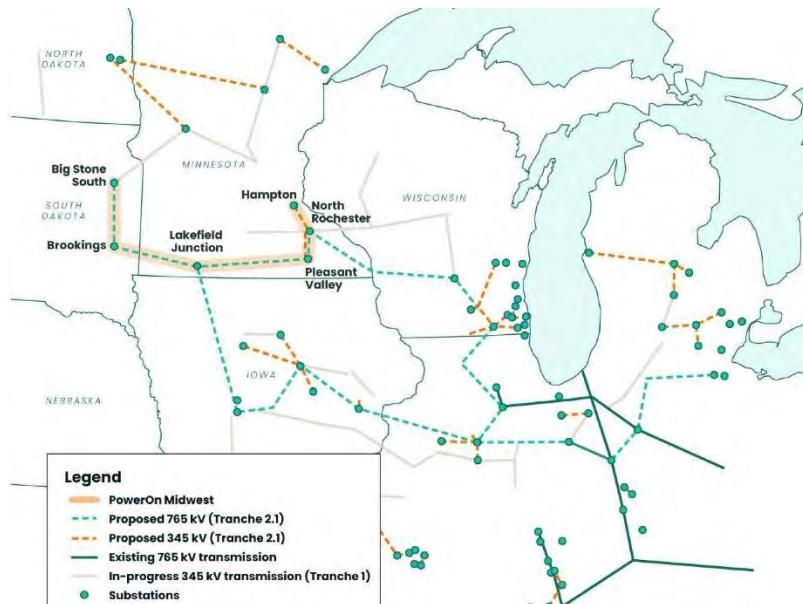
Much of this energy generation will be replaced with:

- Geographically dispersed renewable energy
- New, always-ready natural gas plants
- Other emerging technologies



MISO Tranche 1 & 2.1

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Study area

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The Certificate of Need includes:

- Big Stone South-Brookings County-Lakefield Junction 765 kV (**MISO LRTP#22**)
- Lakefield Junction-MN/IA border 765 kV (**MISO LRTP#23**)
- Lakefield Junction-Pleasant Valley-North Rochester 765 kV (**MISO LRTP#24**)
- Pleasant Valley-North Rochester-Hampton 345 kV (**MISO LRTP#25**)



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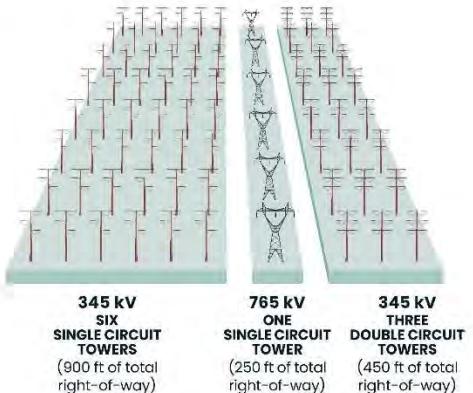
765 kV technology was identified in the planning process as the preferred solution for the region, presenting several advantages:

- Efficiently carries power over long distances
- Fewer transmission lines needed to carry the same amount of power
- Fewer structures reduce impact on land, communities, and the environment
- Resilient infrastructure that can consistently deliver power
- Provides backup power pathways



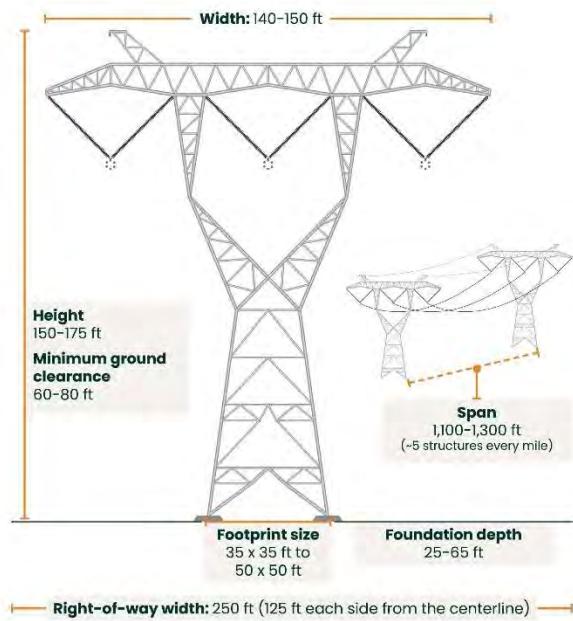
A 765 kV transmission line can carry as much power as:

- **Six single circuit 345 kV lines**
- **Or three double circuit 345 kV lines**



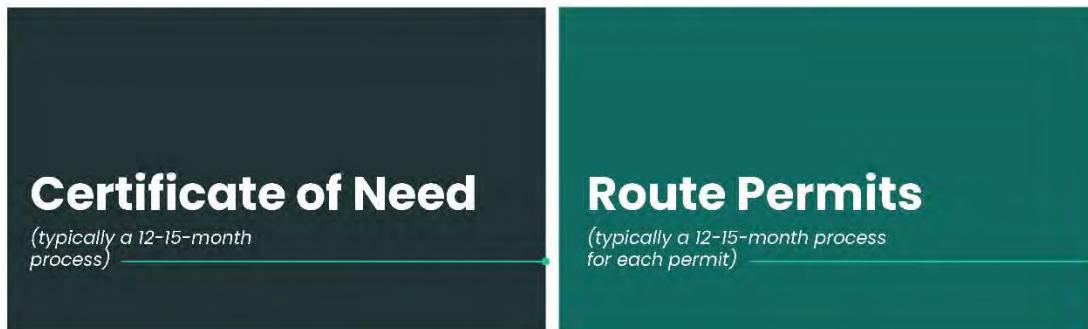
765 kV Structure

- Typical structure shown



PowerOn Midwest permitting

Requires two approvals from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission – Certificate of Need and Route Permits



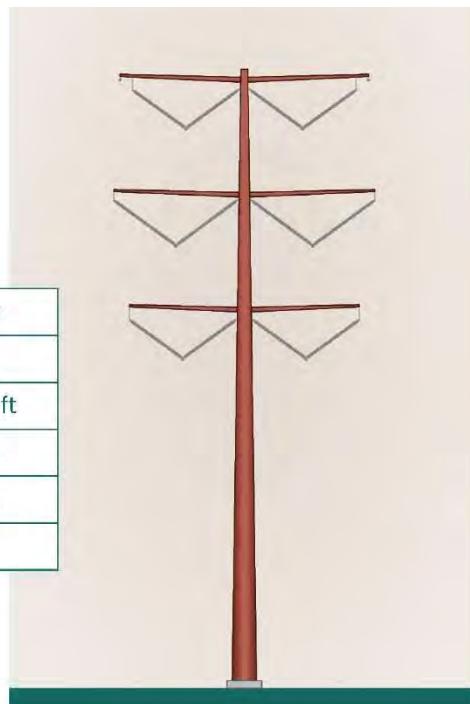
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345 kV Structure

- Existing double circuit capable 345 kV structure

Height:	90-160 ft
Width:	14-50 ft
Span:	800-1,200 ft
Minimum Ground Clearance:	26-38 ft
Foundation Depth:	30-40 ft
Right-of-way Width:	150 ft



PowerOn Midwest permitting

Permit amendment

The segment requires one approval from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission—a permit amendment.



Land rights

Right-of-way acquisition

What is right-of-way?

- A right-of-way is the land used for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a transmission line. Right-of-way is typically secured as an easement on a property.

What is an easement?

- An easement allows the utilities the right to construct, operate, and maintain a transmission line and other associated infrastructure on a landowner's property.

Our right-of-way acquisition process

Project representatives will hold individual meetings with affected landowners to discuss right-of-way needs.



Utilities contact landowners to begin the easement discussion.



Easement process is discussed with landowners. An offer is based on current market values (similar properties) and other property specifics.



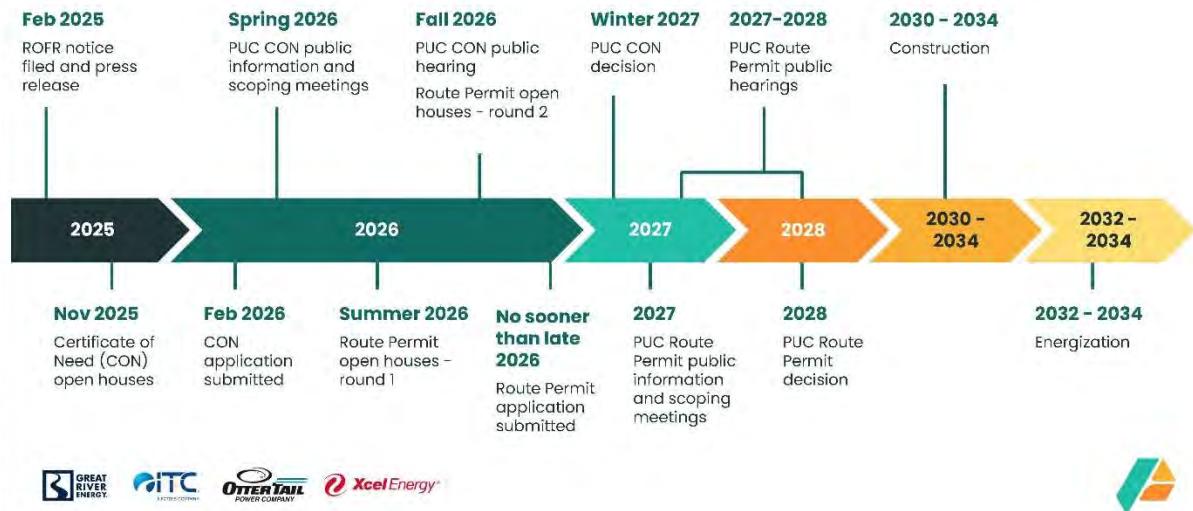
The utilities work closely with the landowner to resolve concerns and reach agreement. An easement becomes part of the property record.



The utilities construct, operate, and maintain the transmission line within the easement.



Preliminary schedule



Upcoming open houses



Open house schedule – week 1

	Date	Time	County	Location
1	Monday, November 3	10 am – 12 pm	Lincoln	Lake Benton Area Community & Event Center, 114 Center St. S, Lake Benton, MN 56149
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Minnesota Rural Energy Board presentation



PowerOn Midwest

Electricity use is growing throughout the Upper Midwest and **demand is expected to increase significantly** over the next two decades.

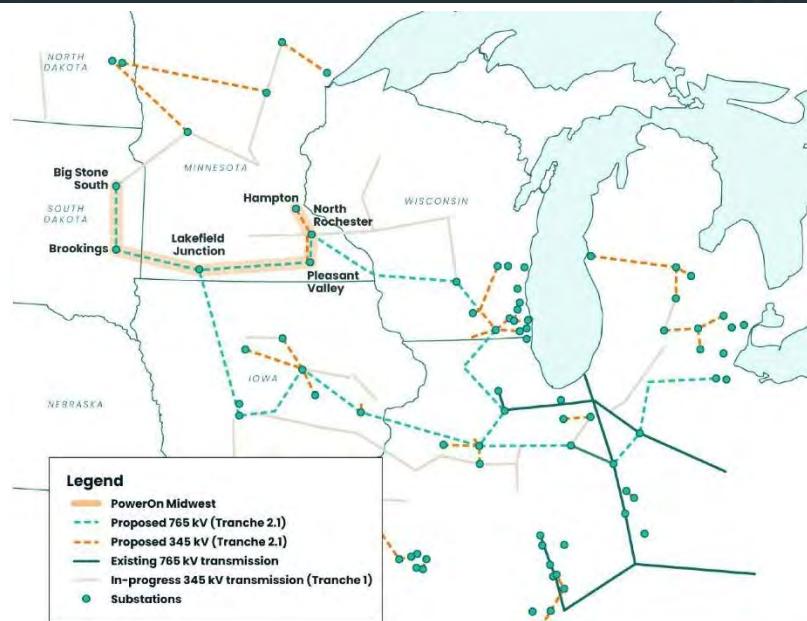
This increase in electric use, combined with the changing ways electricity is generated, requires new long-term solutions to meet the needs of our communities, states, and region to ensure we can continue delivering the reliable service you need to power your daily lives.

PowerOn Midwest—tomorrow's reliability starts today.

Rural Minnesota Energy Board



MISO Tranche 1 & 2.1



PowerOn Midwest study area

The Certificate of Need includes:

- Big Stone South-Brookings County-Lakefield Junction 765 kV (MISO LRTP#22)
- Lakefield Junction-MN/IA border 765 kV (MISO LRTP#23)
- Lakefield Junction-Pleasant Valley-North Rochester 765 kV (MISO LRTP#24)
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2025 open houses



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Open House recaps

- **Attendance**
 - Nearly 700 total attendees (South Dakota and Minnesota)
 - 300 virtual open house tours (100 South Dakota; 200 Minnesota)
- **Promotion:**
 - 47,000 landowner mailings
 - 1,100 letters to local government officials and other stakeholders (cities, counties, townships, regional organizations)
 - Ads in newspapers throughout project area (newspapers of record in each county, plus additional newspapers with wide circulation)
 - Media advisory to publications throughout project area; significant media coverage both pre-and-post open houses



Next Steps—Certificate of Need

- **Certificate of Need**
 - Filing in February 2026
 - Notice plan implementation in January
 - Newspaper ads
 - Mailings to all landowners
 - Environmental Report scoping meetings
 - Expected late Spring 2026
 - Pre-meeting open house
 - Public hearings
 - Expected Fall 2026
 - Pre-meeting open house
 - Decision expected in 2027



Next Steps

▪ Route Development

- Two rounds of public open houses expected in 2026
- Identify route corridors and ask for landowner feedback
 - Also coordinate with local government officials (e.g., county planning staff)
 - State agency coordination (MNDOT, DNR, etc)
- Local government briefings as needed
 - We'll request agenda time ahead of milestones
 - Can meet formally or informally as requested
- Route Permit applications
 - Filed in 2027 (specific timing TBD)
 - Decisions expected in 2028



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Thank You





In-person open houses

Stakeholder letter



XX, XX, 2025

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RE: You're invited to attend PowerOn Midwest public open houses

Hello,

Please join us at an upcoming open house to learn about PowerOn Midwest.

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As demand grows and the energy landscape rapidly changes, PowerOn Midwest will help our communities continue to receive the reliable energy they depend on. We're meeting this demand with reliable low-cost electricity, while prioritizing the stability and resiliency of our energy infrastructure.

Regulatory approvals

New transmission line proposals like PowerOn Midwest require two key regulatory approvals from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC). The first is a Certificate of Need, which highlights the issues the projects will solve. We anticipate submitting an application for a Certificate of Need in early 2026.

The second approval is a Route Permit. PowerOn Midwest is in the early stages of project development and we have not yet identified transmission line route options. Over the course of the next year and a half, we will provide numerous opportunities for landowners, local governments, tribal entities, and other stakeholders to provide input on route options, for consideration before filing the Route Permit. We anticipate Route Permit applications for each project to be filed with the MPUC in 2027.



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Enclosed is a map that shows the preliminary study area.

Open house schedule

One of the opportunities for public engagement is a series of upcoming open houses, which are designed to introduce you and your community to the PowerOn Midwest projects and provide an opportunity to meet our team who will be available to answer questions. Below you will find the dates, times and locations for each open house. Feel free to attend the session that best fits your schedule as each meeting will have the same information, including project displays and maps.

Can't make it? Learn more by visiting the project website at PowerOnMidwest.com. A virtual open house opportunity will be available November 3-21 and will share the same information, displays, and maps from the in-person public open houses.

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We hope to see you at one of our upcoming public open houses and invite you to visit our website at PowerOnMidwest.com, email us at Connect@PowerOnMidwest.com, or leave us a message at 888.283.4678 to stay connected and informed.

Sincerely,



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St. Louis Park, MN 55416



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Landowner postcard



5115 Excelsior Blvd
#113
St. Louis Park, MN 55418

Unable to attend?
Here are additional engagement opportunities



Explore our virtual, self-guided open house available November 3-21 at PowerOnMidwest.com.



Request additional information or schedule a meeting with the project team by emailing us or leaving a message on our hotline with your mailing address.



Leave a comment on our interactive map.

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 Join us for an open house in your community to learn more about the project and ask questions.

PROJECT STUDY AREA AND OPEN HOUSE LOCATIONS



Benefits



Reliable electricity

Delivers on our commitment to customers and electric cooperative members that electricity is delivered when and where it's needed—regardless of the weather, electric generation source, or demand.



Future-ready grid

Addresses rising electricity demand, which is projected to grow significantly over the next two decades.



Customer and economic benefits

Enables more cost-effective generation while improving reliability, opening doors for future economic growth across the region.



Access to new electric generation

Supports a range of energy sources added to the grid, providing a balanced and reliable power supply for the future.



Preliminary schedule

- **2025**
Project planning, initial stakeholder and public engagement
- **2026-2027**
File PowerOn Midwest Certificate of Need application with Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC). Certificates of Need (CoN) review process, route development, file Route Permit applications with MPUC
- **2027-2029**
Route Permit, MPUC review processes, engineering, design, environmental surveys and permitting, easement acquisition
- **2030-2034**
Ongoing easement acquisition, pre-construction activities, construction, restoration
- **2032-2034**
Anticipated in-service (individual segment in-service dates will vary)

Join us at an open house

We look forward to your attendance at our open houses to be held throughout the preliminary project area. There will be no formal presentation. Come anytime during the listed time. Each open house will provide the same information including project displays and detailed maps to review and collect input. The information shared at the in-person open houses will be available on the website and at the virtual open house.

Week 1

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3 Tuesday, November 4	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Howatha Lodge, 204 4th St. NW, Pipestone, MN 56164
4 Wednesday, November 4	4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	American Legion, 118 W Front St., Frazee, MN 56548
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Week 2

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1 Monday, November 10	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Wendon Community Center, 1150 Cottonwood Lake Dr., Waconia, MN 55387
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3 Tuesday, November 11	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Notes Event Center, 780 8th Street NW, Wells, MN 56091
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Social media posts and analytics

Open House Post #1 - 11/1/2025			
Social Media Channel	Total Impressions	Total Reach	Total Engagements
LinkedIn	2309	1504	60
Facebook	4616 views		711
Instagram	141 views		2
X	72		0

Open House Post #2 - 11/10/2025			
Social Media Channel	Total Impressions	Total Reach	Total Engagements
LinkedIn	1874	1201	60
Facebook	403 views		5
Instagram	89 views		2
X	50		0

Visit the Virtual Tour Post - 11/12/2025			
Social Media Channel	Total Impressions	Total Reach	Total Engagements
LinkedIn	849	566	30
Facebook	454 views		3
Instagram	62 views		2
X	61		0



Social media post visuals





Media advisory



MEDIA ADVISORY

October 27, 2025

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PowerOn Midwest open houses begin November 3

Members of the public invited to learn about project, receive information about upcoming route development process

What:

Great River Energy, ITC Midwest and Xcel Energy will host public open house meetings across southern Minnesota to introduce PowerOn Midwest, a series of new electric transmission projects anchored by a 765 kV backbone transmission line. The projects will connect eastern South Dakota, southern Minnesota and the broader region, enhancing grid reliability in the Upper Midwest to meet growing and changing energy needs in the coming decades.

The open houses will provide landowners, stakeholders and community members with an opportunity to learn about the need for the project, the timeline and the regulatory process, and provide feedback to the project team.

When and where:

Open houses will take place from **November 3 - November 14** in the following counties: Lincoln, Lyon, Pipestone, Murray, Nobles, Rock, Jackson, Cottonwood, Martin, Faribault, Freeborn, Dodge, Mower, Goodhue and Dakota. A full schedule is attached and can also be found at PowerOnMidwest.com. There will be no formal presentation, and participants can stop by anytime during the listed times. Each open house will provide the same information including project displays and overview maps to review and collect input.

Why:

The way we generate and use electricity is changing — and electricity needs in our region are projected to significantly increase in the coming decades. PowerOn Midwest includes a proposed 765 kV backbone transmission line designed to meet those growing needs. The project will enhance grid reliability and resiliency across eastern South Dakota, southern Minnesota and the broader Upper Midwest region. This project delivers on our commitment to



customers and electric cooperative members that electricity is delivered where and when it's needed every hour of every day — regardless of the weather, electric generation source or energy use levels.

At the open houses, PowerOn Midwest representatives will:

- Explain the need for PowerOn Midwest, including how it supports reliability and economic growth.
- Outline the regulatory process, including the upcoming **Certificate of Need** application filing (planned for February 2026) and the subsequent **Route Permit** application phase (beginning in 2027).
- Offer attendees a chance to engage directly with project staff, ask questions, share feedback and understand how to participate in the regulatory and route development processes.

Additional information:

Property owners within the study area received letters the week of October 20 inviting them to attend. County commission briefings are also underway. The project team is committed to early and proactive engagement, recognizing the importance of local input in shaping the future of the electric grid.

The PowerOn Midwest projects were approved by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), the regional grid operator, in December 2024. The projects were identified due to their ability to meet the region's long-term energy needs, including delivering electric reliability for customers and cooperative members, enabling new electric generation in the region and providing system resilience in extreme weather situations. All projects must still receive state regulatory approval before any construction activities can begin.

Phase 1 Open House Logistics

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Publication	Run date	Run date 2	Run date 3	Circulation
Albert Lea Tribune	Oct. 22, 2025	Oct. 29, 2025 (reprint)		3552
Alden Advance	Oct. 23, 2025			568
Austin Daily Herald	Oct. 22, 2025	Oct. 29, 2025 (reprint)		2388
Blooming Prairie Steele County Times	Oct. 22, 2025	Oct. 29, 2025 (reprint)		4150
Blue Earth Faribault County Register	Oct. 20, 2025	Nov. 3, 2025 (reprint)		2410
Cannon Falls Beacon	Oct. 23, 2025			2174
Cottonwood Tri-County News	Oct. 23, 2025			362
Edgerton Enterprise	Oct. 22, 2025			1306
Fairmont Photo Press	Oct. 22, 2025			11800
Fairmont Sentinel	Oct. 21, 2025	Oct. 28, 2025 (reprint)		2100
Faribault Daily News	Oct. 21, 2025	Oct. 28, 2025 (reprint)		1903
Hastings Journal	Oct. 23, 2025			2650

Ivanhoe Times	Oct. 23, 2025			696
Jackson County Pilot	Oct. 23, 2025			1030
Jackson-Livewire	Oct. 19, 2025			10500
Janesville Journal	Oct. 22, 2025			700
Kasson Dodge County Independent	Oct. 23, 2025	Oct. 30, 2025 (reprint)		1594
Kenyon Leader	Oct. 22, 2025	Oct. 29, 2025 (reprint)		488
Lake Benton Valley Journal	Oct. 22, 2025			522
Lamberton News	Oct. 21, 2025			1323
Le Roy Mower County Independent	Oct. 23, 2025			1114
Luverne Rock County Star Herald	Oct. 23, 2025			1878
Mankato Free Press	Oct. 19, 2025			7321
Marshall Independent	Oct. 21, 2025			3540
Minneota Mascot	Oct. 23, 2025			1193

Mountain Lake Observer Advocate	Oct. 22, 2025			751
New Richland Star Eagle	Oct. 23, 2025			1300
Owatonna People's Press	Oct. 21, 2025	Oct. 28, 2025 (reprint)		2199
Pipestone County Star	Oct. 23, 2025			1528
Red Wing Republican Eagle	Oct. 25, 2025			2892
Redwood Falls Redwood Gazette	Oct. 23, 2025	Oct. 30, 2025 (reprint)	Ran digitally Nov. 1-6 (reprint)	1031
Rochester Post Bulletin	Oct. 21, 2025			11651
Slayton Murray County Wheel Herald	Oct. 20, 2025			6850
St. James Plaindealer	Oct. 23, 2025	Oct. 30, 2025 (reprint)	Ran digitally Nov. 1-6 (reprint)	741
Stewartville Star	Oct. 21, 2025	Oct. 28, 2025 (reprint)		1340
Tracy Area Headlight	Oct. 23, 2025			1198

Herald				
Trimont Martin County Star	Oct. 22, 2025	Oct. 29, 2025 (reprint)		647
Waseca County News	Oct. 22, 2025	Oct. 29, 2025 (reprint)		851
Waseca County Pioneer	Oct. 23, 2025			825
Wells South Central News	Oct. 23, 2025	Oct. 30, 2025 (reprint)		912
Westbrook Sentinel/Tribune	Oct. 22, 2025			554
Windom Cottonwood County Citizen	Oct. 22, 2025			2064
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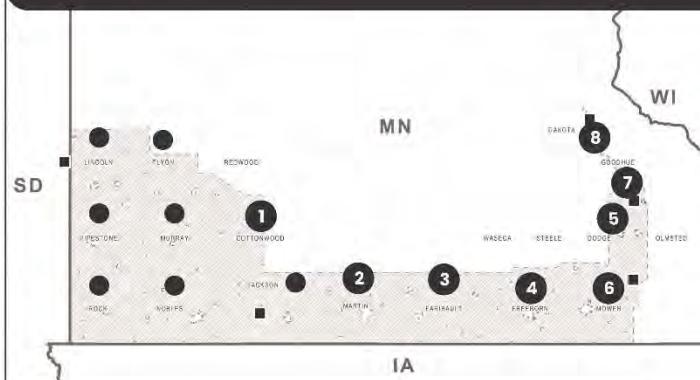
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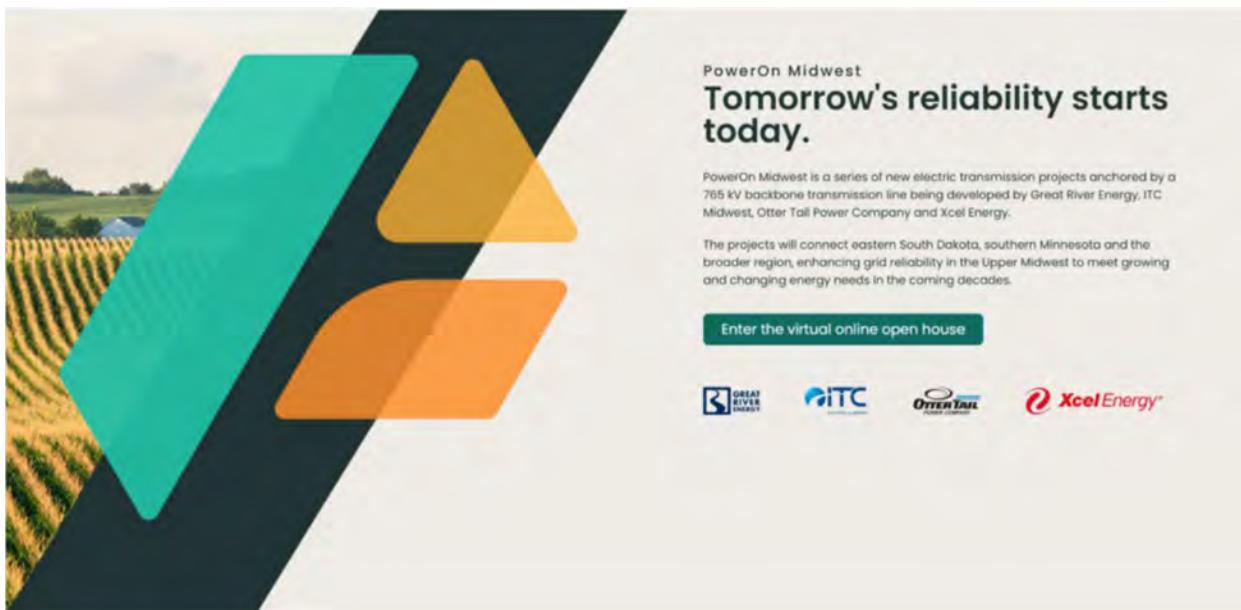


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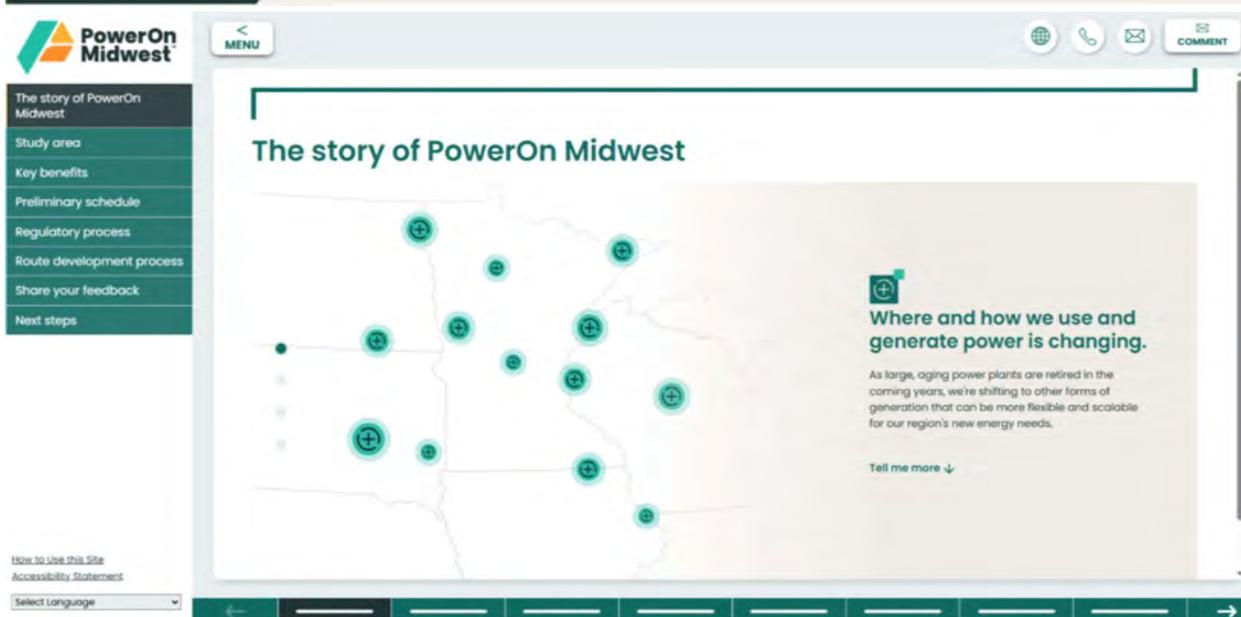
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Open house materials

Virtual open house screen shots



The homepage features a large graphic of overlapping teal, orange, and black triangles on a background of a field. The text "PowerOn Midwest" and "Tomorrow's reliability starts today." is displayed, along with a button to "Enter the virtual online open house". Logos for Great River Energy, ITC, Otter Tail Power Company, and Xcel Energy are shown.



The page shows a map of the Midwest with green circular icons representing power generation sites. A callout box says "Where and how we use and generate power is changing." with the text: "As large, aging power plants are retired in the coming years, we're shifting to other forms of generation that can be more flexible and scalable for our region's new energy needs." A "Tell me more" button is present. The left sidebar includes links for "The story of PowerOn Midwest", "Study area", "Key benefits", "Preliminary schedule", "Regulatory process", "Route development process", "Share your feedback", and "Next steps".



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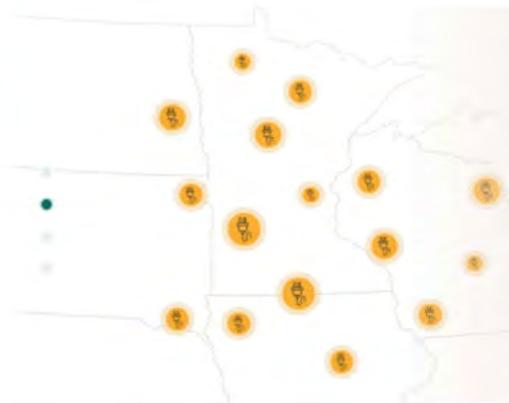


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The story of PowerOn Midwest



Demand is growing.

As communities modernize and new technologies emerge, our grid must grow stronger and more flexible.

Electricity powers everything.

From farming to healthcare to digital learning, our communities run on reliable energy.

[Tell me more](#)

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Ready for what comes next.

Our electric grid is under more stress than ever due to extreme weather, increasing demand, and aging infrastructure.

Strengthening our transmission grid is essential to keep the power flowing where and when we need it most.

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Study area

This map shows the area that will be studied during the upcoming route development process. PowerOn Midwest will offer multiple opportunities for stakeholders, Tribal entities, landowners, and the public to provide input into the route development process.

- **SD/MN Border-Lakefield Junction 765 kV**
MISO LRTP #22 – Minnesota portion
ITC Midwest, Otter Tail Power Company, Xcel Energy
- **Lakefield Junction-MN/IA Border 765 kV**
MISO LRTP #23
ITC Midwest
- **Lakefield Junction-Pleasant Valley-North Rochester 765 kV**
MISO LRTP #24
Great River Energy, ITC Midwest, Xcel Energy
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MISO LRTP #25
Xcel Energy, Dairyland Power Cooperative, Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, the City of Rochester



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RELIABLE ELECTRICITY
Delivers on our commitment to customers that electricity is delivered where and when it's needed—regardless of the weather, electric generation source, or demand.

FUTURE-READY GRID
Addresses rising electricity demand, which is projected to grow significantly over the next two decades.

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Enables more cost-effective generation while improving reliability, opening doors for future economic growth across the region.

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Supports a range of energy sources added to the grid, providing a balanced and reliable power supply for the future.

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Preliminary schedule

Developing and building major new transmission lines is a multi-year process that begins with significant planning, which identifies general project areas, includes comprehensive outreach to local landowners and officials to explore potential route options, and involves a robust regulatory review by state officials. If approved, construction would begin in 2030, with segments expected to be in-service between 2032 and 2034.

- **2025**
 - Project planning
 - Initial stakeholder and public engagement
- **2026-2027**
 - File PowerOn Midwest Certificate of Need application with Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC)
 - Certificate of Need MPUC review process
 - Route development
 - File Route Permit applications with MPUC
- **2027-2029**
 - Route Permit MPUC review processes
 - Engineering design
 - Environmental surveys and permitting
 - Easement acquisition
- **2030-2034**
 - Ongoing easement acquisition
 - Pre-construction activities
 - Construction
 - Restoration
- **2032-2034**
 - Anticipated in-service

*Individual segment in-service dates may vary

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Regulatory process

- Certificate of Need
 - Public participation opportunity

The CON identifies the issues the proposed project is designed to solve (the need for the project) and reviews how the project benefits the state and region. The application must include the type of infrastructure proposed, size, general engineering information, estimated costs, system alternatives that were evaluated, and other state required information. PowerOn Midwest will submit a CON application to the MPUC in early 2026



Step 1: Application filing and completeness review

The MPUC reviews the application for completeness and invites public comment. Once deemed complete, the case is typically assigned to an independent Administrative Law Judge, who presides over the review process.

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Step 2: Intervention opportunity

Anyone can attend meetings and submit comments without formally intervening, i.e. becoming a "party" to the proceeding. Persons who want to become a party must submit a request to the Administrative Law Judge. Parties may present formal arguments, testimony, and cross examine witnesses – often with legal representation (although not required for individuals). Formal intervention is not required to submit comments on the application.

Step 3: Environmental Report scoping public meetings

The MPUC prepares an Environmental Report (ER) to evaluate human and environmental impacts related to a project. Public meetings are conducted to explain the process and gather comments on issues and alternatives that should be addressed in the Environmental Report. Written comments may also be submitted to the MPUC at this time and meeting notices are published locally.

Step 4: Scoping decision

Before the MPUC prepares the Environmental Report, it reviews all public input and publishes its Scoping Decision, which outlines the issues to be addressed in the Environmental Report.

Step 5: Environmental Report (ER)

The MPUC gathers information, then prepares and publishes the ER, which must be done before public hearings can take place.

Step 6: MPUC public hearings for the CON

The MPUC holds public hearings presided by an Administrative Law Judge. Notice is published in local newspapers and mailed to landowners and local government prior to the start of the hearings. Anyone can present comments and express opinions concerning the utility's proposal or alternatives and the ER. The Administrative Law Judge provides a report that summarizes the hearing record, including public comments, and makes recommendations to the MPUC.

Step 7: MPUC CON Decision

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Step 7: MPUC CON Decision

The MPUC makes the final decision about whether to issue a Certificate of Need. In making its decision, the MPUC considers all information in the record and deliberates at a formal MPUC meeting.

+ Route Permit

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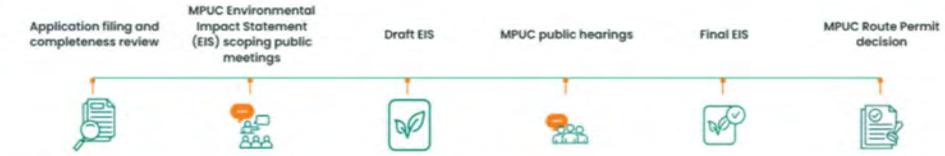
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Public participation opportunity

- Route Permit

A Route Permit is also required from the MPUC prior to building a high-voltage transmission line. A Route Permit application identifies where a transmission line will be located. The Route Permit application also discusses both constraints and opportunities for the new infrastructure that minimizes the overall impact of the project.



Step 1: Application filing and completeness review

After a utility files a Route Permit application and it is accepted as complete, the regulatory review process begins.

Step 2: MPUC Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) scoping public meetings

For this project, the MPUC will develop an EIS to identify the potential impacts the transmission line may have in the area where it has been proposed. An EIS typically analyzes, among other things, potential impacts on land use, including agricultural operations, residences, water resources, and other natural

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The MPUC will hold public meetings to present information about the project, answer questions from the public, and take comments on the issues that the EIS should address.

In Minnesota, the public may suggest alternate routes for the MPUC to consider in its review and those routes may be considered alongside the route proposed by the utilities. The route options must be specific, including starting and ending points, and may vary in length from a minor shift to many miles. The MPUC will provide information on how to suggest alternate routes and will determine which alternatives should be studied in the EIS.

The MPUC then publishes a scoping decision outlining what the EIS will address and what route alternatives will be included in their review.

Step 3: Draft EIS

The Draft EIS will be made available for review and comment by all stakeholders and the general public.

 **Step 4: MPUC public hearings**

Once the Draft EIS is published, the Administrative Law Judge conducts public hearings, which are designed to receive comments on the routes under review, and how potential impacts of the project could be addressed. The Administrative Law Judge prepares a report summarizing the hearings and makes routing and condition recommendations to the MPUC.

Step 5: Final EIS

The MPUC issues a Final EIS.

Step 6: MPUC Route Permit decision

The MPUC makes its final Route Permit decision at one of its formal meetings after reviewing all materials. A permit can only be issued after a CON is granted. The Route Permit is the only approval required to determine the route of the transmission line. If the Route Permit is approved, utilities will work to obtain other required permits based on that route – like DNR stream crossing approvals.

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- **Define study area – we are here**

The project team will start by using data from publicly available sources and federal, state, and local agencies to define a study area. We consider existing utility corridors, existing land use, resource areas, and other data to help identify route opportunities to further refine the study area.

- **Identify route corridors**
- **Refine preliminary route**
- **Identify proposed route to submit in the route permit applications**
- **MPUC will issue final determination on route**



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The next step in the route development process is to identify a route corridor where a possible route could be located and preliminary route options are identified. We will develop the route corridor based on public input, opportunities to minimize impacts, and where the new transmission line will need to connect into substations.

+ Refine preliminary route

+ Identify proposed route to submit in the route permit applications

- MPPC will issue final determination on route.



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The preliminary route is a further narrowed area within the route corridor. Similar to the route corridor, we will develop the preliminary route based on input gathered during public open houses, input from community members, local leaders, Tribal representatives, and state and federal agencies. These factors will assist the project team as we develop the proposed route for permit applications.

+ Identify proposed route to submit in the route permit applications

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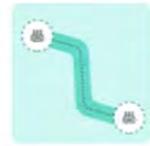
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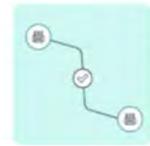
Finally, the project team will use all of information and public input we have gathered throughout the route development process to develop a proposed route that we will submit to the MPUC in late 2026.

MPUC will issue final determination on route.

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Routing considerations

During the routing process, our team will identify opportunities where routes and route alternatives could be located while understanding sensitivities or areas that would make routing difficult.

Opportunities

Linear features that are oriented in the direction of the project:

- Field lines
- Property lines
- Section lines
- Roads
- Utility corridors

Sensitivities

Area resources or conditions that may require additional review and consideration:

- Agricultural conflicts
- Airports (public)
- Cemeteries
- Communication towers
- Protected federal lands
- Protected state lands
- Railroads*
- Recreation



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Opportunities

Roads

Utility corridors

Sensitivities

Area resources or conditions that may require additional review and consideration:

- Agricultural conflicts
- Airports (public)
- Cemeteries
- Communication towers
- Conservation areas/nature preserves
- Contaminated areas
- Cultural/historic resources
- Forest
- Hospitals
- Levees/dams
- Mines/quarries
- Pipelines*
- Planned development.
- Protected federal lands
- Protected state lands
- Railroads*
- Recreation
- Religious facilities
- Residences
- Scenic byways
- Schools/daycares
- Sensitive species
- Streams/wetlands

*Linear features with additional study needed

 **Share your feedback**

We would like to hear from you! Drop a pin on the map to identify any opportunities or sensitivities in the study area.

💡 Click or tap 'Add a comment' to get started. If you prefer to leave a general comment, click or tap the Comment button in the top left of your screen.

Add Comment



Legend:  Map 

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 **Next steps**

PowerOn Midwest will offer multiple opportunities for stakeholders, Tribal entities, and the public to provide input into the siting and routing process. We'll be holding public open house meetings in November across the study area and look forward to your attendance.

Your participation is vital to developing this project. We want your input as it is critical to determining the best location for the eventual route proposal.

Lake Benton, MN Monday, Nov 3 10am - 12pm	Marshall, MN Monday, Nov 3 4pm - 6pm	Pipestone, MN Tuesday, Nov 4 10am - 12pm
Lake Benton Area Community & Event Center 114 Center St S Lake Benton, MN 56149	Five Family Ranch 2717 County Road 6 Marshall, MN 56258	Hiawatha Lodge 201 4th St. NW Pipestone, MN 56164
Fulda, MN Tuesday, Nov 4 4pm - 6pm	Worthington, MN Wednesday, Nov 5 10am - 12pm	Luverne, MN Wednesday, Nov 5 4pm - 6pm
American Legion 106 W Front St Fulda, MN 56331	Worthington Event Center 1447 Prairie Drive Worthington, MN 56187	Generations Events Center 105 S. Estey Street Luverne, MN 56056
Heron Lake, MN Thursday, Nov 6 10 am - 12 pm	Windom, MN Monday, Nov 10 10am - 12pm	Fairmont, MN Monday, Nov 10 4pm - 6pm

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4 pm - 6 pm
Heron Lake Community Center
312 10th St
Heron Lake, MN 56137

Wells, MN
Tuesday, Nov 11 | 10am - 12pm
Noseic Event Center
789 Business Park Dr
Wells, MN 56097

Austin, MN
Thursday, Nov 13 | 10am - 12pm
Hormel Nature Center
1304 21st St. NE
Austin, MN 55912

Windom, MN
Monday, Nov 10 | 10am - 12pm
Windom Community Center
1750 Cottonwood Lake Dr
Windom, MN 56101-1251

Albert Lea, MN
Tuesday, Nov 11 | 4pm - 6pm
Wedgewood Cove
2200 W 9th St
Albert Lea, MN 56007

Zumbrota, MN
Thursday, Nov 13 | 4pm - 6pm
Zumbrota VFW
21 E 1st St
Zumbrota, MN 55992

Fairmont, MN
Monday, Nov 10 | 4pm - 6pm
Knights of Columbus
920 East 10th Street
Fairmont, Minnesota 56031

Kasson, MN
Wednesday, Nov 12
10 am - 12 pm
4 pm - 6 pm
Events Sports Bar and Grill
401 8th St SE
Kasson, MN 55944

Cannon Falls, MN
Friday, Nov 14 | 9am - 11am
Grand 02 Event Center
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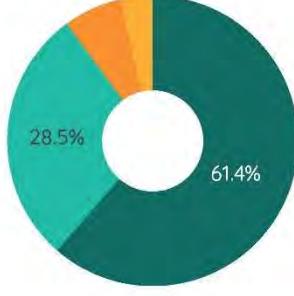
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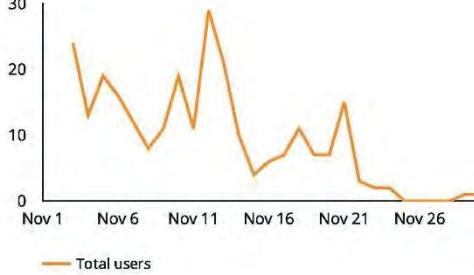
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Sessions by Acquisition Type



Acquisition Type	Percentage
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Referral	2.7%
Organic Social	1.8%
Unassigned	0.4%

Users per Day



Date	Total users
Nov 1	25
Nov 2	15
Nov 3	22
Nov 4	18
Nov 5	10
Nov 6	9
Nov 7	12
Nov 8	15
Nov 9	18
Nov 10	12
Nov 11	28
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Nov 25	1
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3. greatriverenergy.com	3
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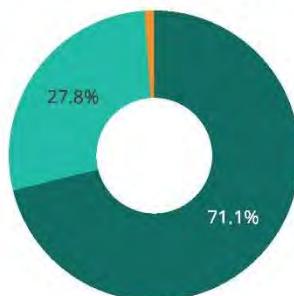
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City	Engaged ...	Total users
1. Minneapolis	14	14
2. Kasson	8	5
3. Maple Grove	8	6
4. Luverne	5	4
5. Sioux Falls	5	5

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Sessions by Device Type



Device Type	Percentage
desktop	71.1%
mobile	27.8%
tablet	0.1%

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Great River Energy **ITC** **Otter Tail Power Company** **Xcel Energy**

Tomorrow's reliability starts today.

Working together to continue providing reliable power to the communities we serve

Great River Energy
Great River Energy is a not-for-profit wholesale electric power cooperative which provides electricity to approximately 1.7 million people through its cooperatives and customers. Through our member-owners, we serve two-thirds of Minnesota geographically and parts of Wisconsin.

ITC Midwest
ITC Midwest is an electric transmission company that owns, operates, and maintains more than 6,500 circuit miles of transmission lines across Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

Xcel Energy
Xcel Energy is a leading energy provider, dedicated to serving millions of customers with reliable, affordable energy. We make energy work better for customers, helping them thrive every day. Headquartered in Minneapolis, we work every day to generate and distribute electricity and gas to customers across eight states.

Otter Tail Power Company
Otter Tail Power Company is a subsidiary of investor-owned Otter Tail Corporation. It generates, transmits, and distributes electricity to approximately 133,000 customers in 422 communities across 70,000 square miles of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

GREAT RIVER ENERGY **ITC** **Xcel Energy**

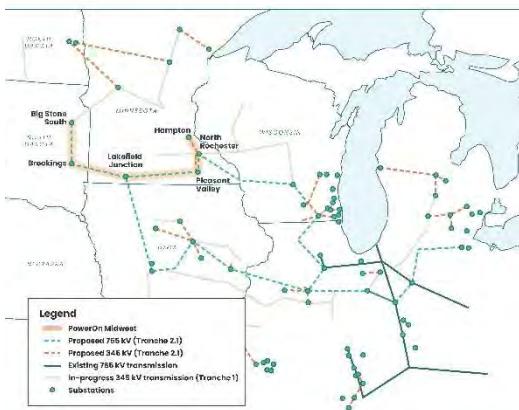


Upgrading our regional energy grid

Electricity use is growing throughout the Upper Midwest. Demand is expected to increase significantly over the next two decades due to:

- New and expanded manufacturing
- Technology
- Devices in our homes and businesses that use more electricity
- Growth in new industries

The increase, combined with the changing way electricity is generated, requires long-term planning and solutions to meet the needs of our communities, states, and region to continue delivering the reliable service needed to power our daily lives.



MISO, the regional grid operator, approved PowerOn Midwest as part of a portfolio of Long Range Transmission Projects in December 2024.

Learn more at:

misoenergy.org



Studied solution maintains reliability and delivers key benefits



Reliable electricity

Delivers on our commitment to customers and electric cooperative members that electricity is delivered where and when it's needed—regardless of the weather, electric generation source, or demand.



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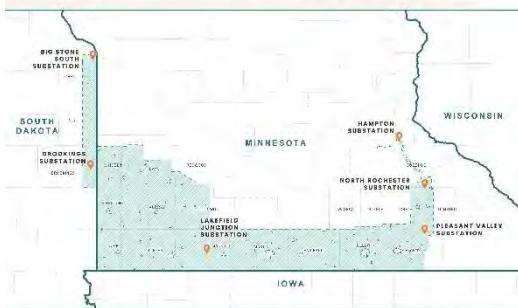
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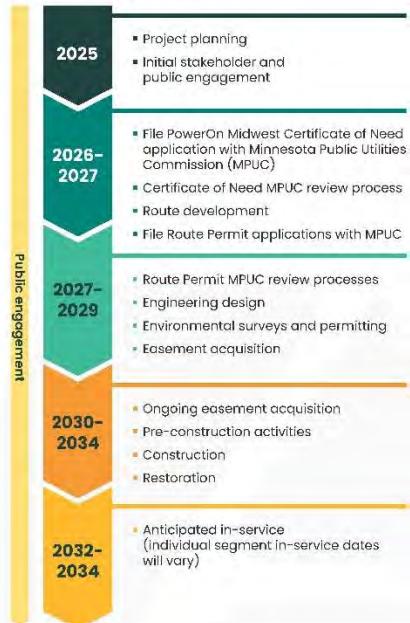
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- Lakefield Junction-MN/IA border 765 kV (MISO UTP #23)
- Lakefield Junction-Pleasant Valley-North Rochester 765 kV (MISO UTP #24)
- Pleasant Valley-North Rochester-Hampton 345 kV (MISO UTP #25)



This map shows the areas that will be studied during the route identification process.

PowerOn Midwest is in the early stages of project development. The utility will participate in the route identification process, and the public will have opportunities for stakeholder input, including input into the siting and routing process.

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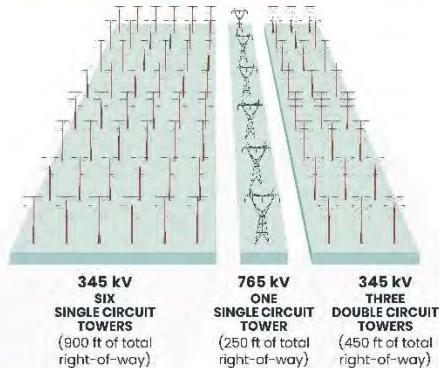
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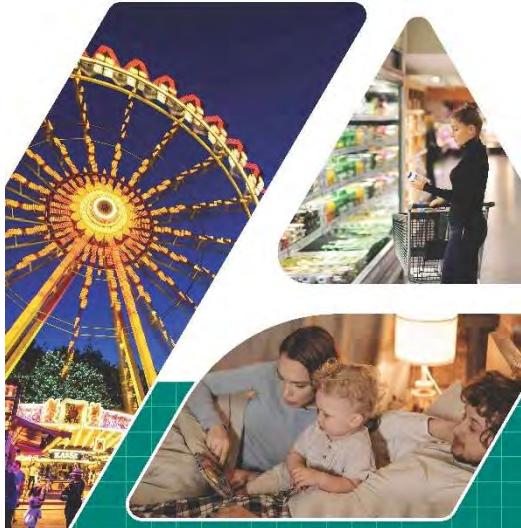
765 kilovolt (kV) technology was identified in the planning process as the preferred solution for the region, presenting several advantages:

- Efficiently carries power over long distances
- Fewer transmission lines needed to carry the same amount of power
- Fewer structures reduce impact on land, communities and the environment
- Resilient infrastructure that can consistently deliver power
- Provides backup power pathways



 A 765 kV transmission line can carry as much power as six 345 kV single circuit lines or three 345 kV double circuit lines.

*Not to scale.



Open house boards

Regulatory process

PowerOn Midwest must undergo a comprehensive state regulatory review by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC). This includes two key approvals:

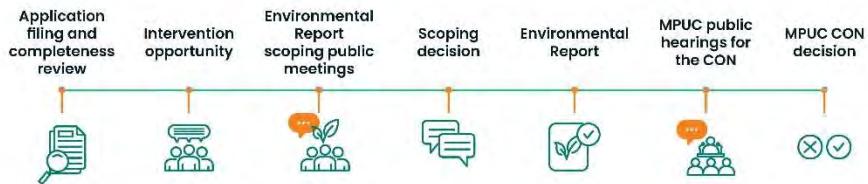
- A **Certificate of Need (CON)** to determine whether the project is necessary and appropriately sized.
- **Route Permit** to identify where the lines should be located and how they should be designed.



Certificate of Need

Typically a 12 to 15-month process

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITY



Route Permit

Typically a 12 to 15-month process per application

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITY



Routing considerations

Utilities are required to consider various routing criteria per Minnesota Statutes chapter 216i and Minnesota Rule 7850.4100. Those criteria and industry best practices include:

Opportunities



Linear features that are oriented in the direction of the project:

- Field lines
- Section lines
- Utility corridors
- Property lines
- Roads

Sensitivities



Area resources or conditions that may require additional review and consideration:

- Agricultural conflicts
- Airports (public)
- Cemeteries
- Communication towers
- Conservation areas/nature preserves
- Contaminated areas
- Cultural/historic resources
- Forests
- Hospitals
- Levees/dams
- Mines/quarries
- Pipelines*
- Planned development
- Protected federal lands
- Protected state lands
- Railroads*
- Recreation
- Religious facilities
- Residences
- Scenic byways
- Schools/ daycares
- Sensitive species
- Streams/ wetlands

**Linear features with additional study needed*

Route development process

Define study area

Study area includes the project endpoints (substations).

Identify route corridors

Using routing considerations and stakeholder input, we'll identify potential corridors for a transmission line.

Refine to preliminary routes

With additional stakeholder input, we'll refine route corridors into narrowed preliminary routes.

Identify proposed route

We'll submit a proposed route in the Route Permit applications to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC).

MPUC determines final route

The MPUC will review the Route Permit applications and determine the final route.

To develop a proposed route, we'll consider:

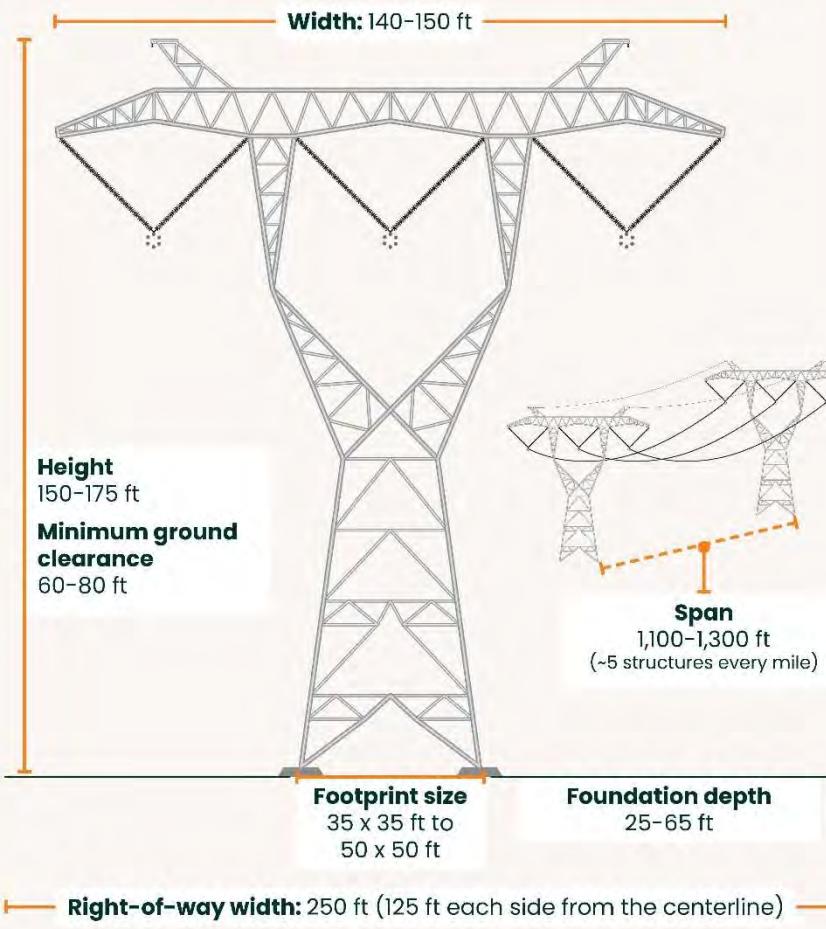
- Opportunities
- Project endpoints
- Sensitivities
- Engineering and construction considerations
- Public input

Engagement opportunity

We're early in the development process. Please share information to help our teams identify opportunities and sensitivities.

765 kV structure

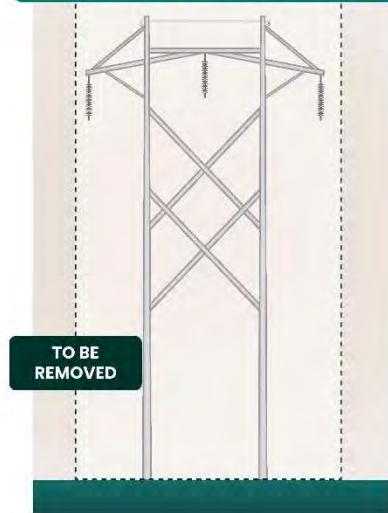
Typical structure



345 kV structures

Pleasant Valley to North Rochester segment only

**Existing typical wood and steel H-frame structure
(single circuit)**



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70-110 ft

WIDTH
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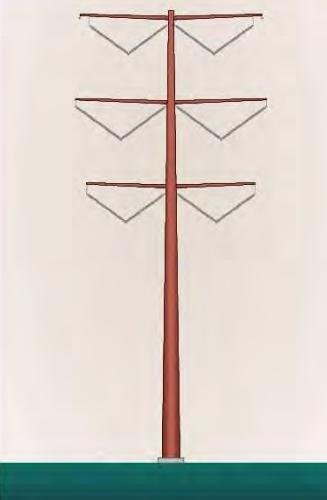
SPAN
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MINIMUM GROUND CLEARANCE
26-38 ft

FOUNDATION DEPTH
Varies

RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH
80 ft

**Preliminary typical structure
(double circuit)**



HEIGHT
90-160 ft

WIDTH
14-50 ft

SPAN
800-1,200 ft

MINIMUM GROUND CLEARANCE
26-38 ft

FOUNDATION DEPTH
30-40 ft

RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH
150 ft

Land rights

Land rights acquisition

What are land rights?

Land rights is the name used for the property rights acquired by the utility used for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a transmission line. Most often, the land rights acquired are easements.

What is an easement?

An easement allows the utilities the right to construct, operate, and maintain a transmission line and other associated infrastructure on a landowner's property.

Our land rights acquisition process

Project representatives will hold individual meetings with affected landowners to discuss land rights.



Buy the Farm

Minnesota's 'Buy the Farm' law (Minn. Stat. § 216I.21, subd. 4) applies to the project and it allows a landowner, in certain circumstances, to elect for the utility to buy their entire property (or some portion of it) rather than an easement. Minnesota law also provides certain landowners who make Buy the Farm elections with relocation assistance, which can help ease the burden of moving from a home, farm, or business.

Suppliers & vendors

Information for local construction suppliers and vendors



PowerOn Midwest utility teams look for opportunities to work with local suppliers and vendors as much as possible throughout construction and restoration.



If you are interested in sharing your company's contact information with us, please fill out a supplier/vendor interest form or send us an email.

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Factsheets

Transmission lines construction

Most existing land uses can continue while still maintaining an obstruction-free right-of-way during construction. There are processes already in place to coordinate with landowners, and the utilities will communicate with landowners every step of the way. Common impacts during construction can include soil compaction, the need to temporarily relocate or limit access of livestock to avoid construction zones, and limitations of crop planting or harvest in the right-of-way.

Drain tile

Protecting drain tile during construction is a common concern, and it's something we deal with regularly. We've successfully built transmission lines on properties that depend on drain tile. We work with landowners to identify where drain tile is located and will work with landowners to minimize any impacts caused during construction.

If drain tile damage occurs during construction, we will work with landowners to repair the issue at our cost. Once construction is complete, it's rare that any long-term impacts occur, and we will work with landowners to correct any issues that are identified.

Agriculture and electric transmission lines have coexisted for more than 100 years, and today they both drive our economy. Crop cultivation and livestock farming feed our nation and the world. Today, tapped energy sources across the Midwest are becoming increasingly important to economic growth in rural areas. Building stronger electric infrastructure is essential to ensure the Midwest continues to thrive.

Modern infrastructure can be integrated safely into everyday life. This guide provides information about how electric transmission lines and agricultural crops and practices coexist now and for this project.

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Electric transmission and agriculture

What to know

The PowerOn Midwest utilities are working with landowners and communities to power our region today and into the future. As power sources evolve and electricity demand grows, PowerOn Midwest and other electric transmission upgrades are needed to maintain reliable low-cost power for customers.

Transmission in the community

There are more than 600,000 miles of transmission lines currently operating in the U.S., and millions of miles of distribution lines carrying electricity to homes and businesses. This safe, reliable infrastructure allows our communities and economies to thrive. PowerOn Midwest is ensuring cost-effective, reliable generation and doing so in a way that can coexist with the Midwest agricultural landscape.

Transmission lines and farming equipment

The PowerOn Midwest team designed structures and transmission lines for safe operation in agricultural areas.

Safety snapshot:

- Do not lift, elevate, build or pass under a power line with any object, tool or vehicle that could make contact or near-contact with the wires.
- If you're unsure of your equipment height, have someone be a spotter to double check your clearance from a safe distance away.

Locating transmission lines near irrigation systems

We will work with landowners to limit the impacts that the transmission lines may have on irrigation systems, including through thoughtful placement of the transmission structures. Where irrigation systems are going to be operated during or underneath the transmission lines, we will work with landowners to make sure the systems are set up to be compatible.

Safety snapshot:

- Provide a good electrical ground for the pivot point.
- Prevent a solid stream of water from hitting the transmission lines.
- Contact a PowerOn Midwest representative before installing a new irrigation system.

Use of aerial applicators near transmission lines

Based on our experience with transmission lines, aerial applicators should be able to parallel new transmission infrastructure closer to homes than work with existing infrastructure today. Some adjustments to aerial applicator flights may be necessary based on the line's orientation along fields.

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Land rights acquisition process

Working with landowners



Large transmission line projects like PowerOn Midwest involve multiple phases of land rights acquisition. Utility representatives work directly with landowners throughout all of these phases.

During the early design and permitting phases, utility representatives are available to discuss the project with landowners at open houses or other informational meetings. Landowners will also receive information about PowerOn Midwest through mailings and other communications. As potential routes develop, utility representatives may seek to obtain "rights of entry," granting permission for utility representatives to complete survey activities, including environmental and land boundary surveys and possibly soil borings. These surveys occur along potential transmission line routes.

As the project route becomes more defined, utility representatives communicate directly with landowners to negotiate the land rights needed to construct, operate, and maintain the transmission line. These rights are typically secured through an "easement." An easement is a legal agreement that outlines key details such as where the transmission line will be located, temporary access provisions, construction parameters, vegetation management, and any restrictions on land use.

In some cases, utility representatives may negotiate with landowners to first acquire an "option" before acquiring the easement. An option gives the utility the right to acquire an easement at a later date and usually in exchange for a fee.



The PowerOn Midwest utilities are committed to working closely with landowners throughout the survey and easement acquisition process. Impacted landowners can expect personalized outreach and multiple one-on-one meetings to discuss the project, the easement acquisition process, and next steps.

Preliminary schedule

2025-2026 INITIAL ENGAGEMENT

Project representatives will begin reaching out to impacted landowners.

2027-2029 SURVEY/ RIGHTS OF ENTRY

Utility representatives will discuss with landowners regarding survey access.

2028 - 2030 EASEMENT/OPTION NEGOTIATIONS

Utility representatives will contact landowners to present and obtain options and/or easements. Negotiations will take place as part of the route development process, permitting requirements, and engineering design work. Impacted landowners will be given offer packages based on fair market value.

2030 - 2034 CONSTRUCTION

Utility representatives will continue ongoing communication with landowners as construction progresses.

2032 - 2034 RESTORATION

Following construction, utilities will carry out restoration activities. Landowners will receive compensation for damages caused by construction activities.

2035 AND IN THE FUTURE

Utilities will continue restoration activities until completed. After that, entry will be on a more intermittent basis for maintenance, vegetation management, and repair of the transmission line.

Frequently asked questions

Will we be able to help decide where facilities will go on our land?

It is the goal of the PowerOn Midwest utilities to collaborate with landowners to determine the transmission structure locations, to the extent it is practicable. However, not all requests can be accommodated based on final engineering, cost, and other routing factors. We'll take your feedback into consideration as we finalize the location of the transmission line.



What activities are allowed within the easement area?

In general, the land can continue to be used as before, provided that the use does not interfere with constructing, operating, and maintaining the transmission line. So, in most cases, typical agricultural activities may continue within the easement area after the transmission line is operational in a similar fashion as before the transmission line was built (except for around the transmission structures). Landowners can typically place underground utilities and drain tile through the easement area, but it is important that the landowner and utility coordinate with each other to verify those installations are compatible before they are built. We encourage landowners to discuss the activities they plan to conduct within or near the easement area with the utility after the line is constructed.

How close will the transmission line be to homes?

We carefully consider the locations of homes during route development and seek to design a route that minimizes impacts to residences. Due to engineering requirements, no residence will be allowed within the transmission line easement area.

What is "Buy the Farm"?

The project is subject to Minnesota's 'Buy the Farm' law (Minn. Stat. § 216L.21, subd. 4). The Buy the Farm law allows a landowner whose property will be crossed by an easement, in certain circumstances, to elect for the utility to buy their entire property (or some portion of it) rather than grant the utility an easement. Landowners who make a Buy the Farm election may also be entitled to relocation assistance, which can help ease the burden of moving from a home, farm, or business.

Will eminent domain be used for this project?

The PowerOn Midwest utilities will work with landowners to reach voluntary agreements. In the event agreements cannot be reached in a timely fashion, then the utilities may be required to obtain the necessary rights for the project by exercising their right of eminent domain under Minnesota law. Even when a proceeding has begun, utility representatives will continue to negotiate with landowners and will dismiss the proceedings if an agreement is reached.

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PowerOn Midwest is a series of new electric transmission projects anchored by a 765 kV backbone transmission line being developed by Great River Energy, ITC Midwest, Otter Tail Power Company and Xcel Energy. The projects will connect eastern South Dakota, southern Minnesota and the broader region, enhancing grid reliability in the Upper Midwest to meet growing and changing energy needs in the coming decades.

PowerOn Midwest— tomorrow's reliability starts today.

Benefits

- RELIABLE ELECTRICITY**
Delivers on our commitment to customers and electric cooperative members that electricity is delivered where and when it's needed—regardless of the weather, electric generation source, or demand.
- FUTURE-READY GRID**
Addresses rising electricity demand, which is projected to grow significantly over the next two decades.
- CUSTOMER AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS**
Enables more cost-effective generation while improving reliability, opening doors for future economic growth across the region.
- ACCESS TO NEW GENERATION**
Supports a range of energy sources added to the grid, providing a balanced and reliable power supply for the future.

Preliminary schedule

If approved, the projects would start construction beginning as early as 2030 and expected to be in-service between 2032-2034. Developing and building major new transmission lines is a multi-year process that begins with significant planning which identifies an initial study area, general project areas, includes comprehensive outreach to local landowners and officials to identify potential route options, and a thorough regulatory review by state officials who review projects like these. Before construction could begin, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) must issue two key approvals, a Certificate of Need and Route Permits.

- 2025**
Project planning, initial stakeholder and public engagement
- 2026 - 2027**
File PowerOn Midwest Certificate of Need application with the MPUC, Certificate of Need MPUC review process, route development, file Route Permit applications with MPUC
- 2027 - 2029**
Route Permit MPUC review processes, engineering design, environmental surveys and permitting, easement acquisition
- 2030 - 2034**
Ongoing easement acquisition, pre-construction activities, construction, restoration
- 2032 - 2034**
Anticipated in-service (individual segment in-service dates will vary)

Study area

Segment owners

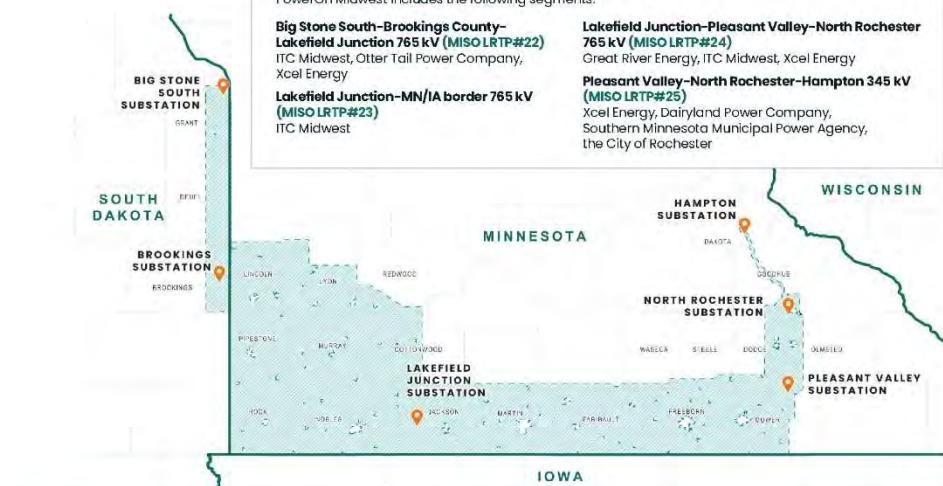
PowerOn Midwest includes the following segments:

Big Stone South–Brookings County–Lakefield Junction 765 kV (MISO LRTP#22)
ITC Midwest, Otter Tail Power Company, Xcel Energy

Lakefield Junction–MN/IA border 765 kV (MISO LRTP#23)
ITC Midwest

Lakefield Junction–Pleasant Valley–North Rochester 765 kV (MISO LRTP#24)
Great River Energy, ITC Midwest, Xcel Energy

Pleasant Valley–North Rochester–Hampton 345 kV (MISO LRTP#25)
Xcel Energy, Dairylead Power Company, Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, the City of Rochester



Minnesota regulatory process

The Certificate of Need process evaluates whether the project is necessary and the appropriate size, type, and timing of the proposed infrastructure. In separate Route Permit proceedings, the MPUC determines the location and design of the transmission line.

How to participate

- Attend public open houses, review maps and other information, and provide comments to project teams
- Submit comments on potential route options to project teams via website, email, or telephone
- Visit the project website to view the latest project information
- Connect with a project team member

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Minnesota regulatory process overview



PowerOn Midwest must undergo a comprehensive state regulatory review by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC). This includes two key approvals:

A **Certificate of Need (CON)** to determine whether the project is necessary and appropriately sized.

A **Route Permit** to identify where the project should be located.



The CON identifies the issues the proposed project is designed to solve (the need for the project) and reviews how the project benefits the state and region. The application must include the type of infrastructure proposed, size, general engineering information, estimated costs, system alternatives that were evaluated, and other state required information. PowerOn Midwest will submit a CON application to the MPUC in early 2026.

Key steps (Typically a 12 to 15-month process)

Public participation opportunity





Route Permit

A Route Permit is also required from the MPUC prior to building a high-voltage transmission line. A Route Permit application identifies where a transmission line will be located. The Route Permit application also discusses both sensitivities and opportunities for the new infrastructure that minimizes the overall impact of the project.

PRE-APPLICATION ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PHASE

Throughout the route development process, utilities work with landowners, local governments, and other stakeholders. Route development generally occurs in three stages during which utilities:

1 Define a study area; gather land use and resource information from federal, state and local agencies and governments; prepare maps.

2 Identify initial route options based on technical considerations, routing criteria and resource mapping.

3 Compare and evaluate route options and work with stakeholders to review routes; select a final route to be included in the Route Permit application.

Key steps (Typically a 12 to 15-month process)

Public participation opportunity



APPLICATION FILING AND COMPLETENESS REVIEW

After a utility files a Route Permit application and it is accepted as complete, the regulatory review process begins.



MPUC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) SCOPING PUBLIC MEETINGS

For this project, the MPUC will develop an EIS to identify the potential impacts the transmission line may have in the area where it has been proposed. An EIS typically analyzes, among other things, potential impacts on land use, including agricultural operations, residences, water resources, and other natural resources.

The MPUC will hold public meetings to present information about the project, answer questions from the public, and take comments on the issues that the EIS should address.

In Minnesota, the public may suggest alternate routes for the MPUC to consider in its review and those routes may be considered alongside the route proposed by the utilities. The route options must be specific, including starting and ending points, and may vary in length from a minor shift to many miles. The MPUC will provide information on how to suggest alternate routes and will determine which alternatives should be studied in the EIS.

The MPUC then publishes a scoping decision outlining what the EIS will address and what route alternatives will be included in their review.



DRAFT EIS

The draft EIS will be made available for review and comment by all stakeholders and the general public.



MPUC PUBLIC HEARINGS

Once the Draft EIS is published, the Administrative Law Judge conducts public hearings, which are designed to receive comments on the routes under review, and how potential impacts of the project could be addressed. The Administrative Law Judge prepares a report summarizing the hearings and makes routing and condition recommendations to the MPUC.



FINAL EIS

The MPUC issues a Final EIS.



MPUC ROUTE PERMIT DECISION

The MPUC makes its final Route Permit decision at one of its formal meetings after reviewing all materials. A permit can only be issued after a CON is granted. The Route Permit is the only approval required to determine the route of the transmission line. If the Route Permit is approved, utilities will work to obtain other required permits based on that route – like DNR stream crossing approvals.

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PowerOn Midwest route development process

Developing a route for a new transmission line is a complex process. The State of Minnesota has statutes and rules that guide the route development process and help minimize a project's impact to humans and the environment. Input from landowners, community members, local leaders, Tribal representatives, and state and federal agencies as well as the project team's own expertise is critical as we develop and finalize a proposed route.

At each point during the regulatory process, and even after we submit our Certificate of Need and Route Permit applications to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC), there will be opportunities for public input.



Define study area

The project team will start by using data from publicly available sources and federal, state, and local agencies to define a study area. We consider existing utility corridors, existing land use, resource areas, and other data to help identify route opportunities to further refine the study area.



Identify route corridors

The next step in the route development process is to identify a route corridor where a possible route could be located and preliminary route options are identified. We will develop the route corridor based on public input, opportunities to minimize impacts, and where the new transmission line will need to connect into substations.



Refine preliminary route

The preliminary route is a further narrowed area within the route corridor. Similar to the route corridor, we will develop the preliminary route based on input gathered during public open houses, input from community members, local leaders, Tribal representatives, and state and federal agencies. These factors will assist the project team as we develop the proposed route for the Route Permit application.



Identify proposed route to submit in the Route Permit application

Finally, the project team will use all of information and public input we have gathered throughout the route development process to develop a proposed route that we will submit in a Route Permit application to the MPUC in late 2026.



Minnesota Public Utilities Commission determines final route

The MPUC will review the proposed route, along with other route alternatives brought forward by the public and other stakeholders during the regulatory process, to determine the final routes for the transmission lines.



Routing opportunities and sensitivities

The criteria for route selection, set forth in Minnesota Statutes section 216I, will guide our team's route development process. During the route development process, our team will identify opportunities where routes and route alternatives could be located while understanding sensitivities or areas that would make routing difficult. The route development process will help us identify a proposed route to be included in the Route Permit application which will be filed with the MPUC.



Opportunities

Linear features that are oriented in the direction of the project:

- Field lines
- Section lines
- Utility corridors
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Sensitivities

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■ Forests	■ Railroads*	

* Linear features with additional study needed



Your input matters

We're early in the route development process. Please share your information to identify opportunities and sensitivities in the project area.

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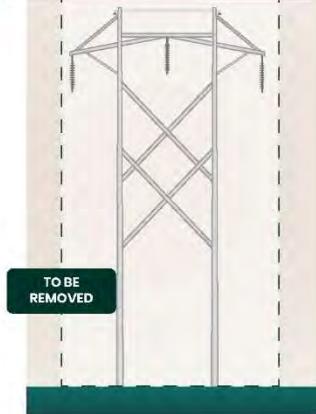
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345 kV structures

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Existing typical wood and steel H-frame structures (single circuit)



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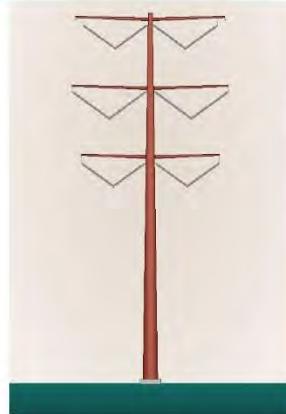
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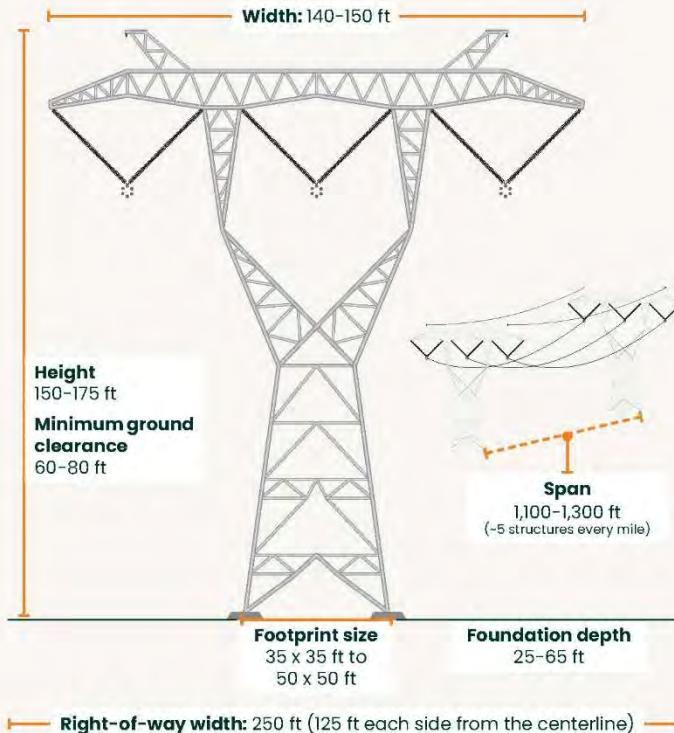
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765 kV structure

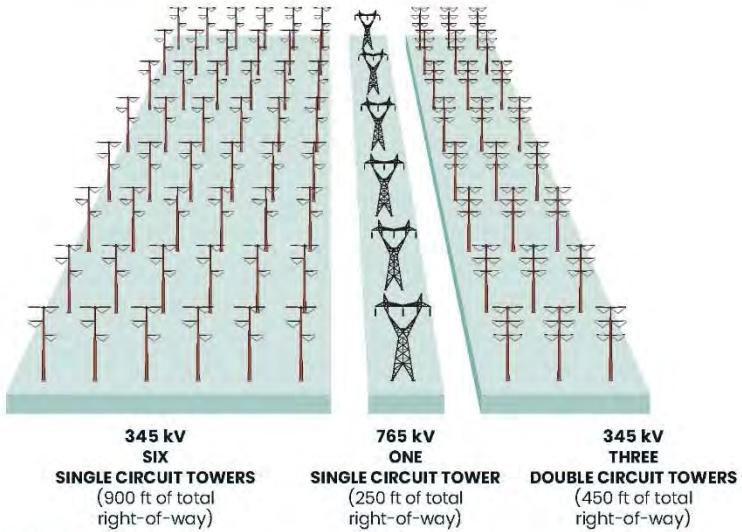
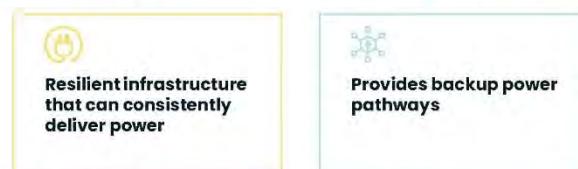
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Typical structure



Why 765 kV technology?

765 kV technology was identified in the planning process as the preferred solution for the region, presenting several advantages:



*Not to scale.

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The Basics: Electromagnetic Fields



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Modern infrastructure can be integrated safely into everyday life.

There are more than 500,000 miles of transmission lines and millions of miles of distribution lines operating safely and powering homes, schools and businesses in the country today. People living and working near transmission lines may have questions about electric and magnetic fields (EMFs). This fact sheet provides general information to help you get started on understanding EMFs. For more in-depth information, please refer to the resources list on the back.

The Basics: electric and magnetic fields.

EMF is commonly used as an abbreviation for three technically different but related terms: electric fields from the use of electricity, magnetic fields from the use of electricity, or electromagnetic fields from devices that use radio frequency. Electric fields relate to voltage and magnetic fields relate to current. For alternating-current transmission lines, both electric fields and magnetic fields occur at extremely low frequency (they are non-ionizing). EMFs are all around us – from natural sources (like the Earth's magnetic field) and human-made sources (like household wiring and appliances).

Magnetic fields are created by electric current and are present near all devices and wires in which electricity is flowing. Both electric and magnetic fields decrease quickly as the distance from the source increases. A few hundred feet from the proposed transmission lines, electric and magnetic fields are usually indistinguishable from everyday background levels. Magnetic fields are a function of current, geometry, and distance, not of voltage. Electric fields are a function of voltage, geometry, and distance.

EMFs at home, school, and work.

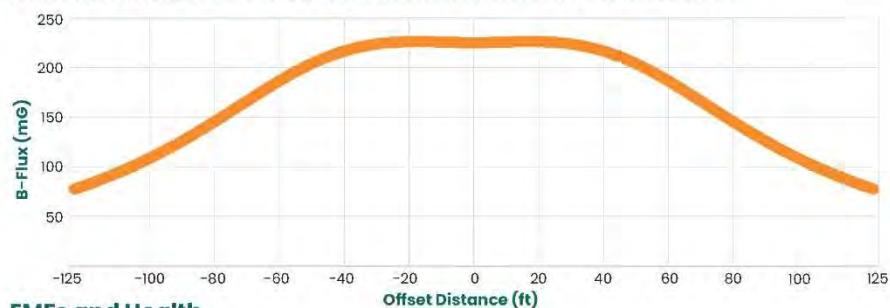
EMFs are created whenever electricity flows or an electrical force is present. These fields can occur naturally, such as in a person's brain, heart, and muscle. The level of magnetic fields, at 60 Hertz are also produced by everyday household items like space heaters, vacuums, kitchen appliances and electric blankets. The widespread use of electricity means we are exposed to EMFs in our everyday environment at work, school, and home.

The following graphics provide magnetic field levels of common household appliances as well as anticipated magnetic fields under the proposed 765 kV line. Expected magnetic field levels from the proposed 345 kV lines are even lower.

MAGNETIC-FIELD LEVELS (IN MILLIGAUSS) MEASURED NEAR HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES

	Hair dryer	6 in. away	12 in. away	
		300 mG	1 mG	
	Electric shaver	6 in. away	12 in. away	
		100 mG	20 mG	
	Blender	6 in. away	12 in. away	
		70 mG	10 mG	
	Vacuum cleaner	6 in. away	12 in. away	
		300 mG	60 mG	
	Coffee makers	6 in. away	12 in. away	
		200 mG	40 mG	

ANTICIPATED MAGNETIC FIELD LEVELS FOR POWERON MIDWEST 765 KV TRANSMISSION LINE



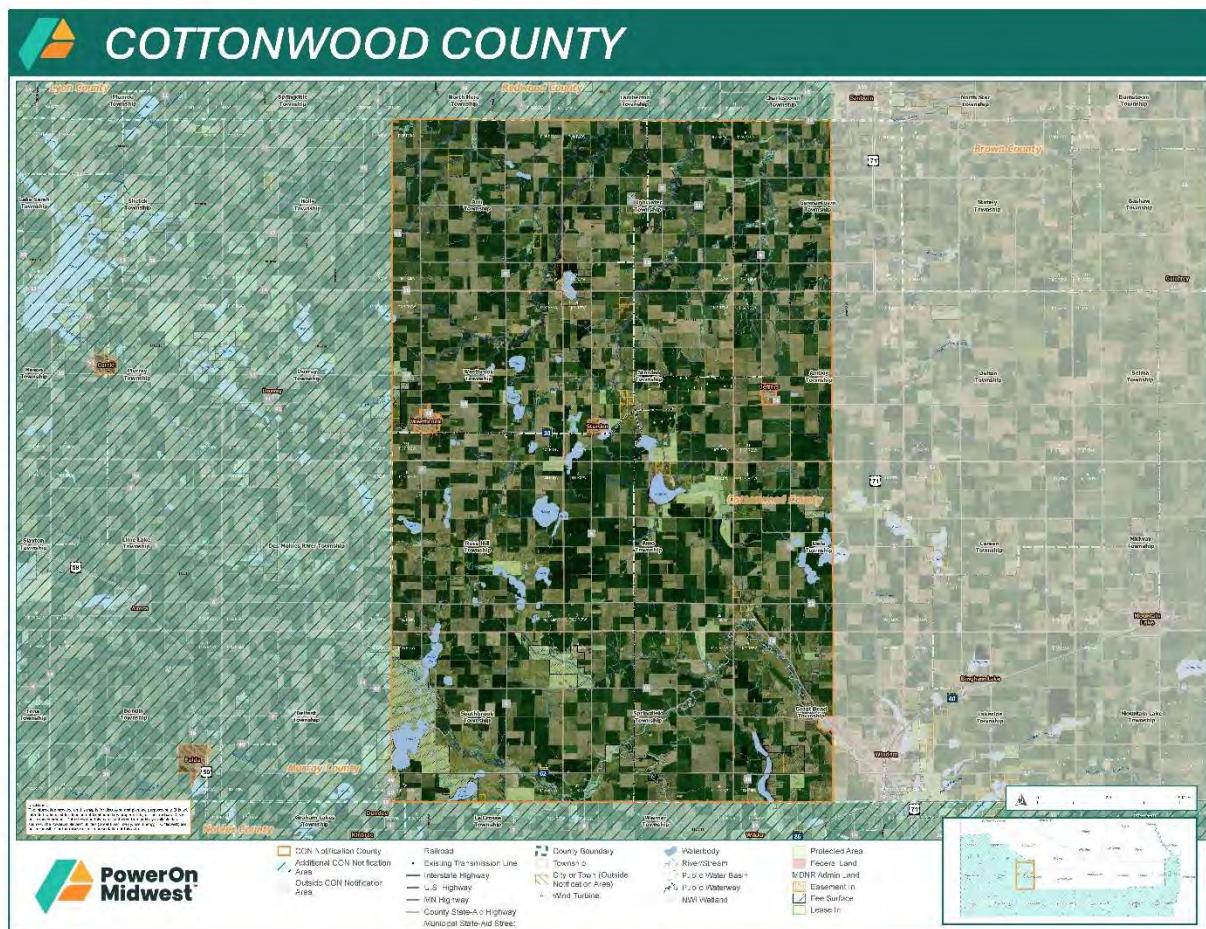
EMFs and Health

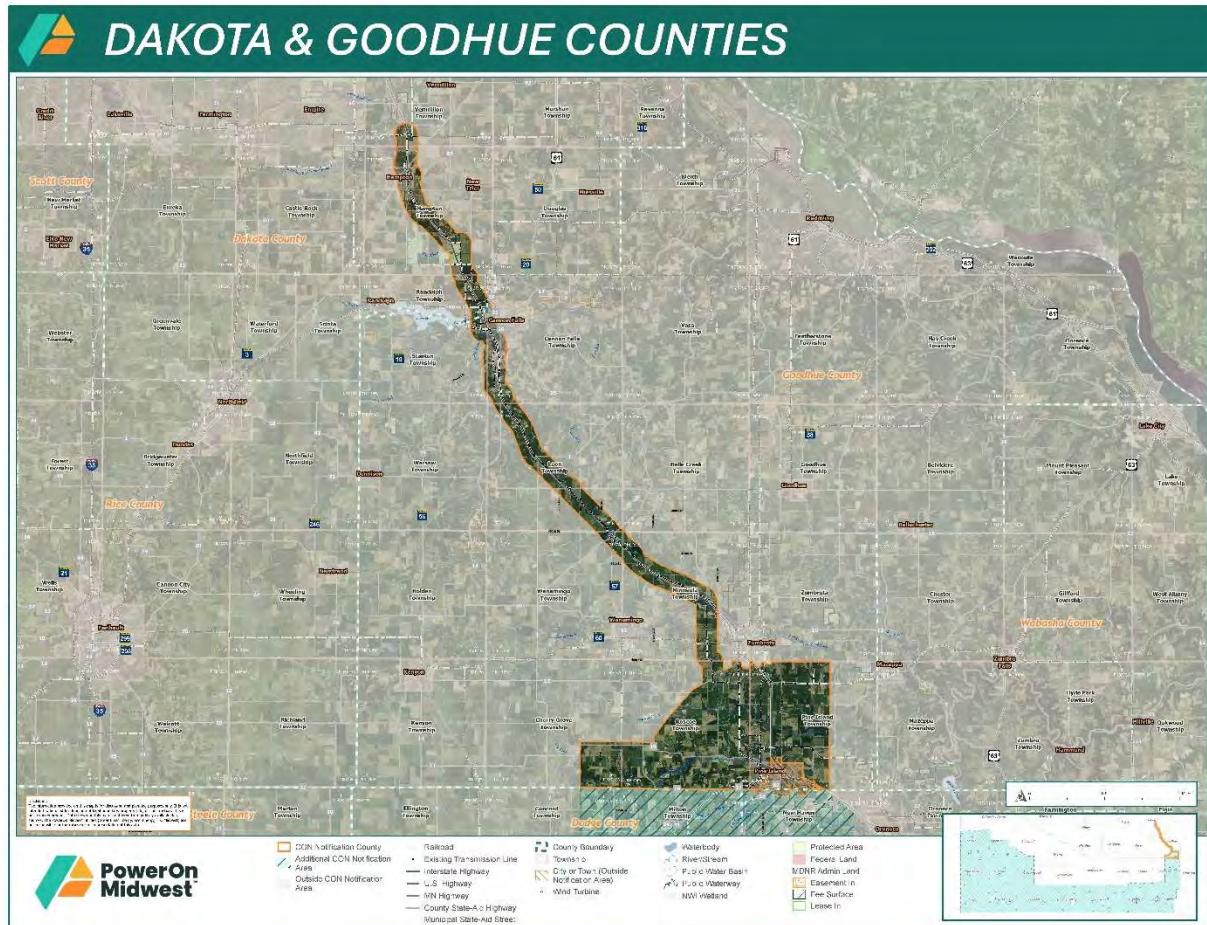
EMFs from power lines, and their effects on health, have been studied for more than 40 years by governmental bodies, public health organizations, and government appointed scientific panels all over the world. Initially, there were concerns of a possible association between childhood leukemia and magnetic fields of transmission lines. Subsequent research failed to demonstrate a causal relationship between transmission lines and any health risk. The World Health Organization (WHO) and other health agencies have concluded that, at levels of EMF exposure found near transmission lines, there are no known health consequences.

EXPERT SOURCES AND USEFUL LINKS

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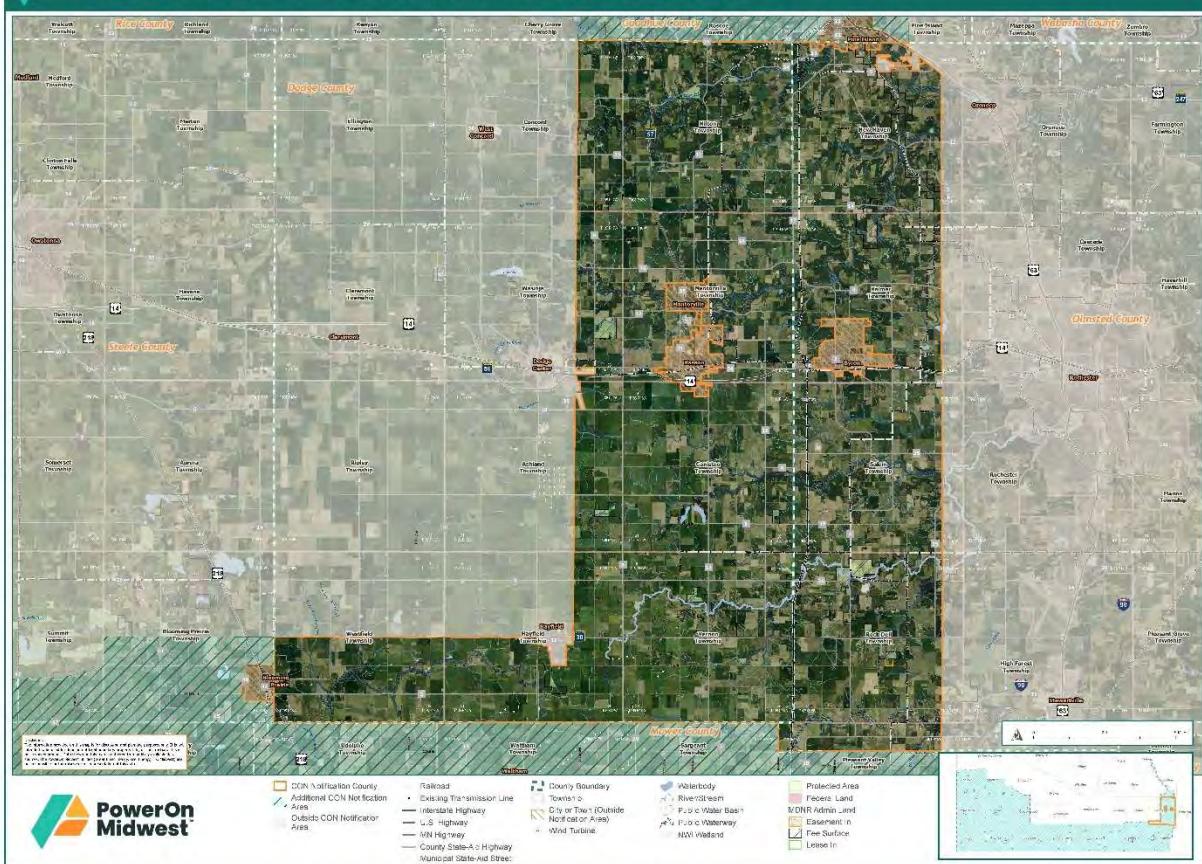


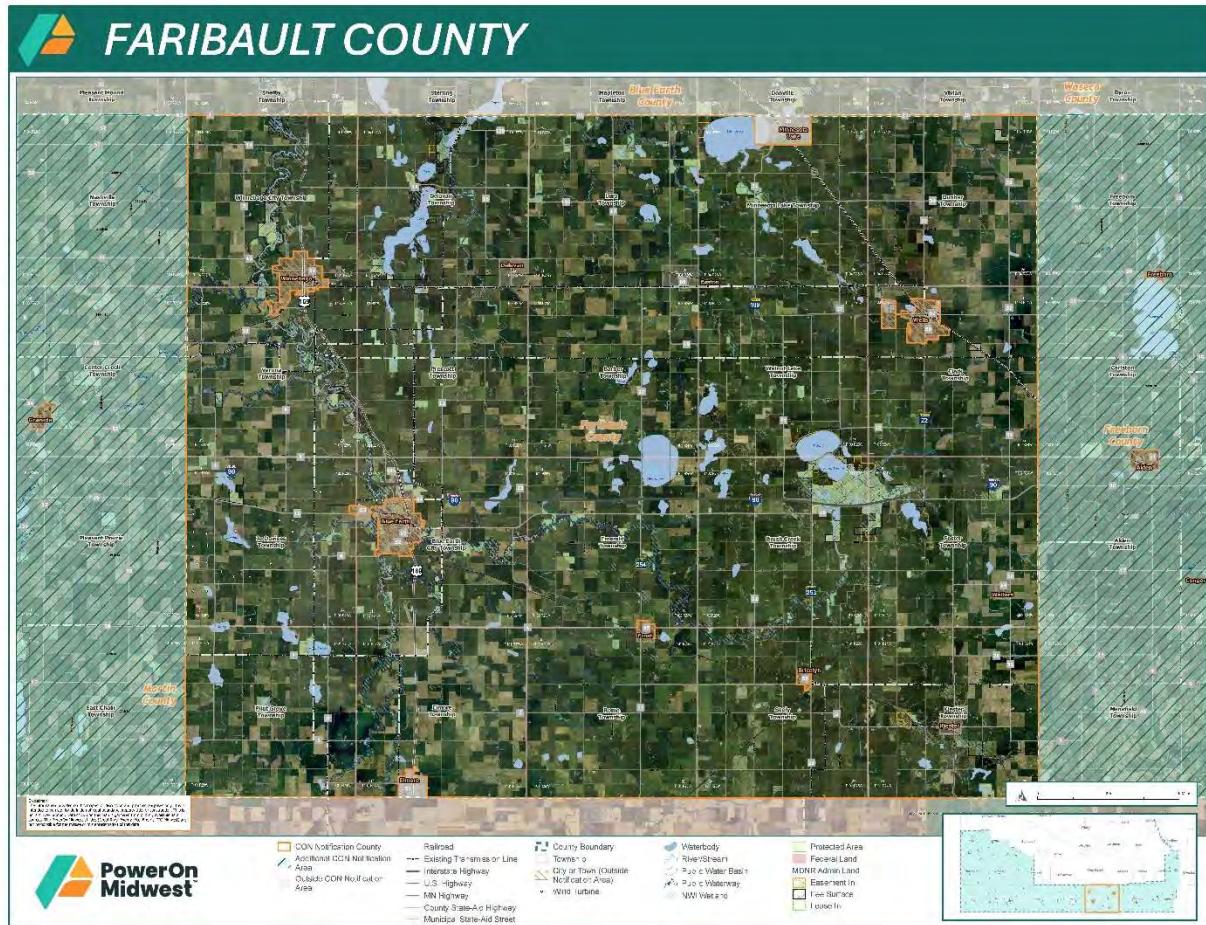


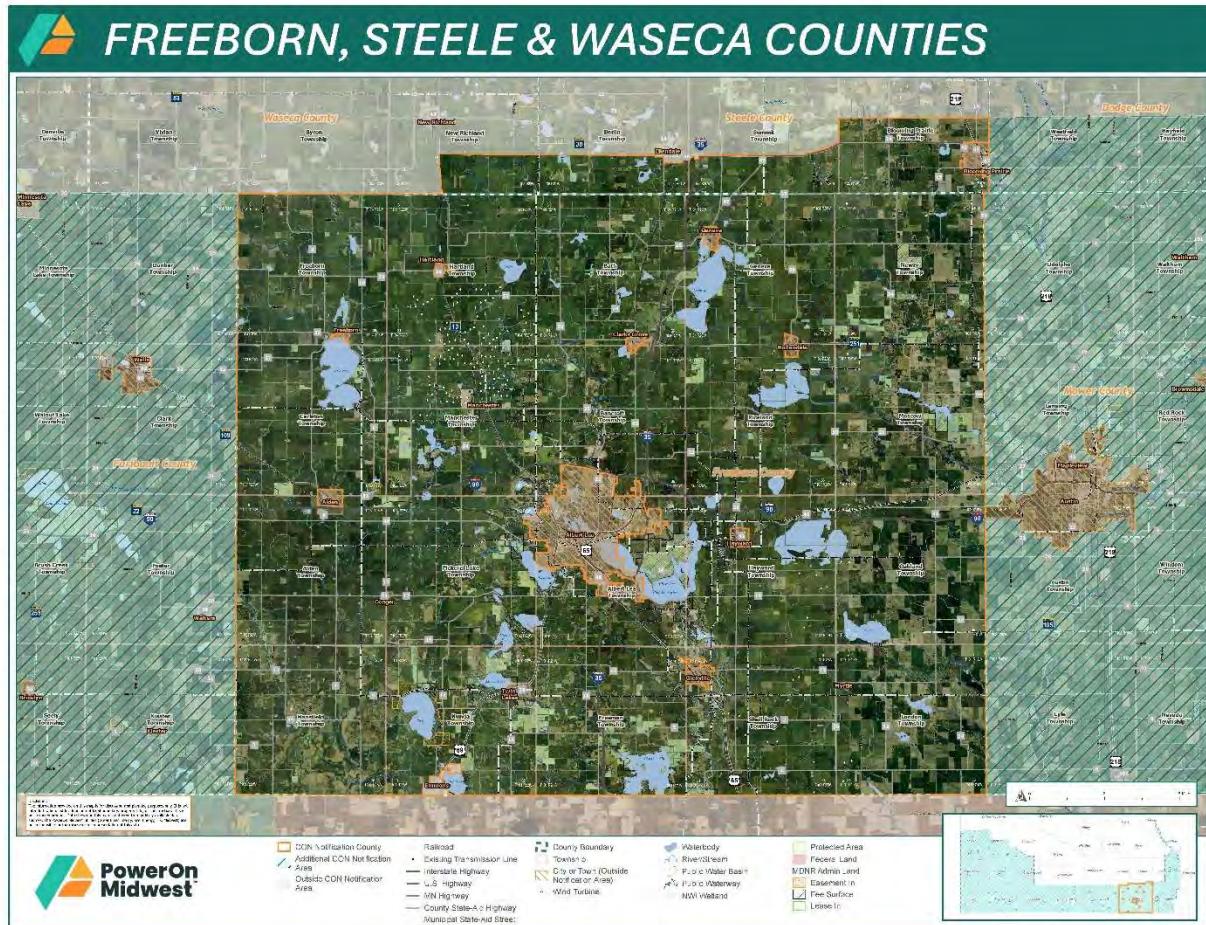


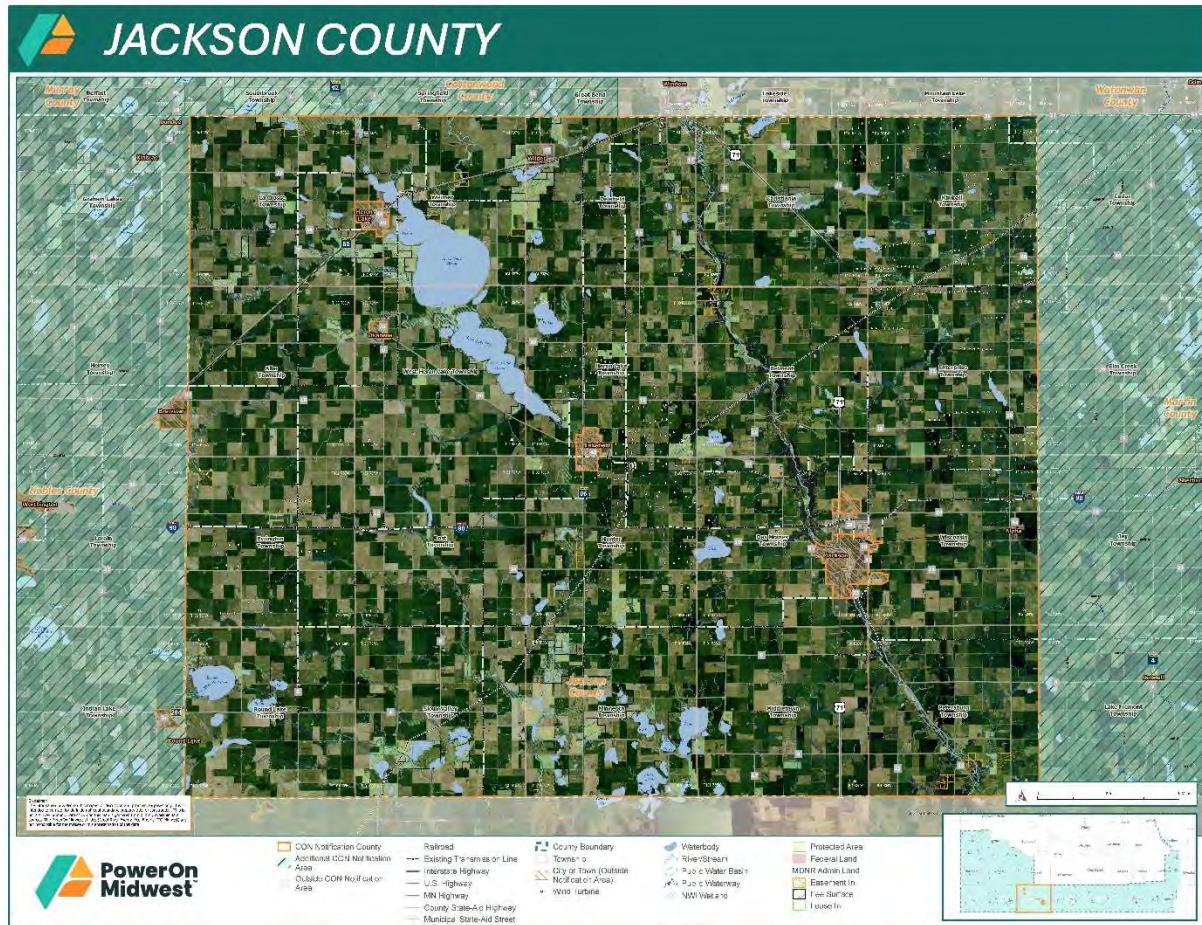


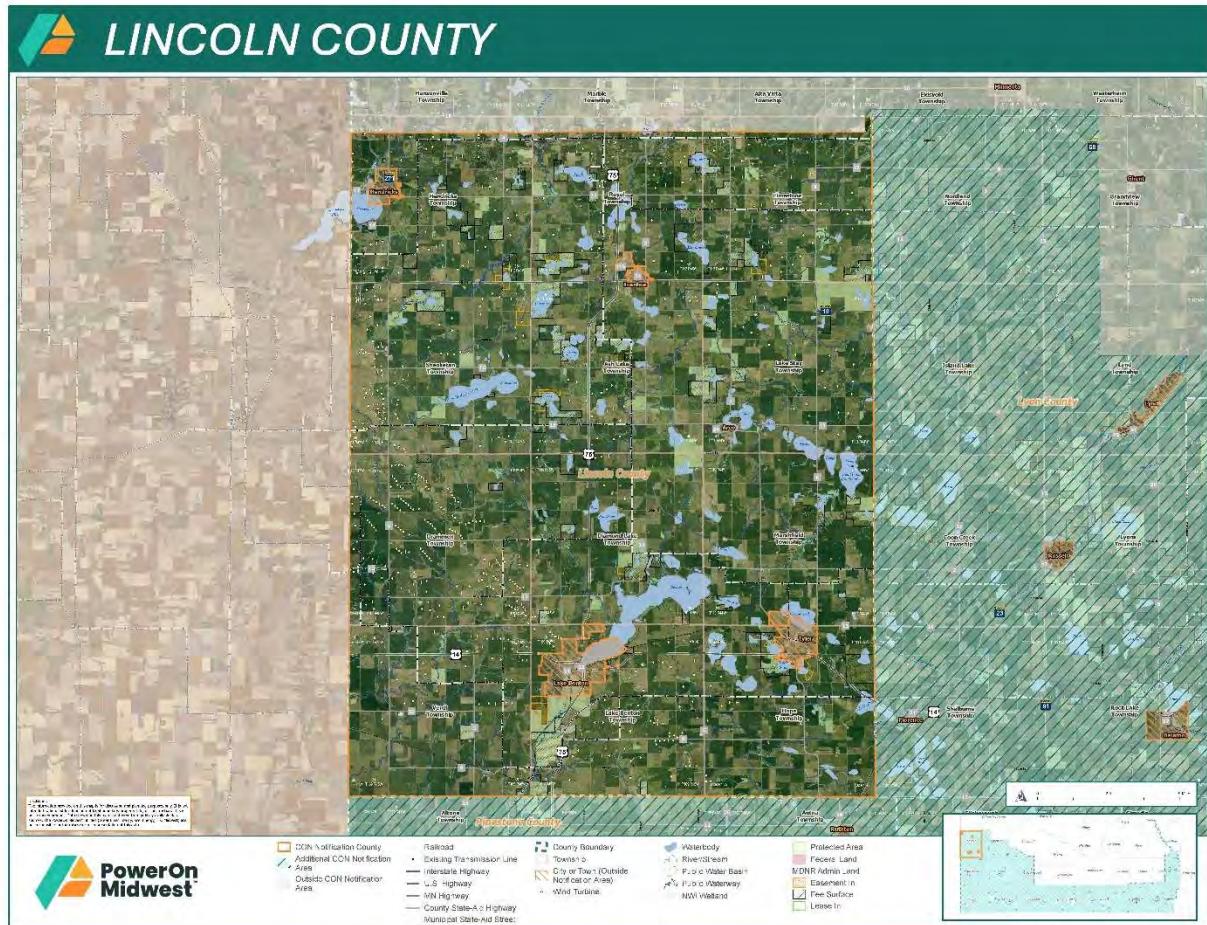
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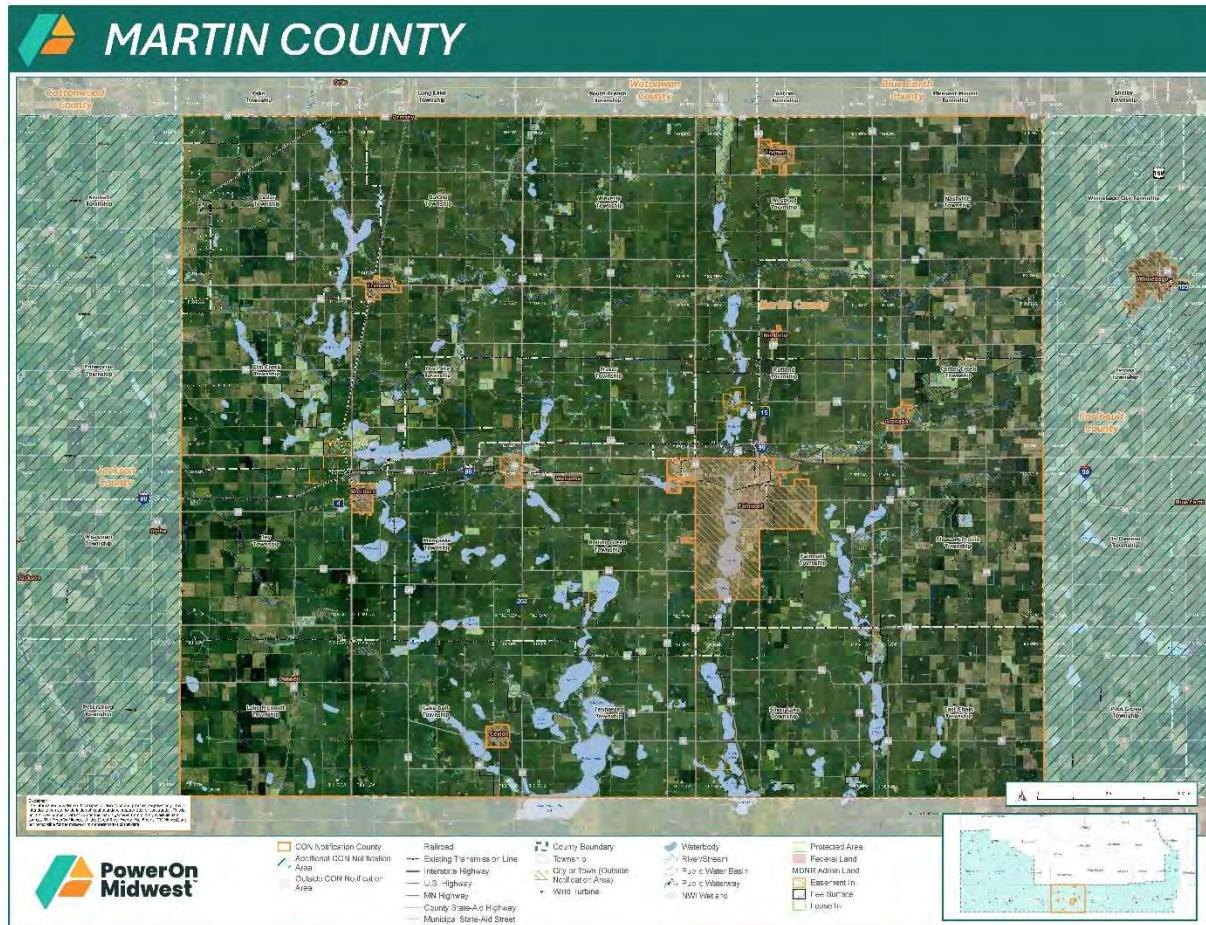


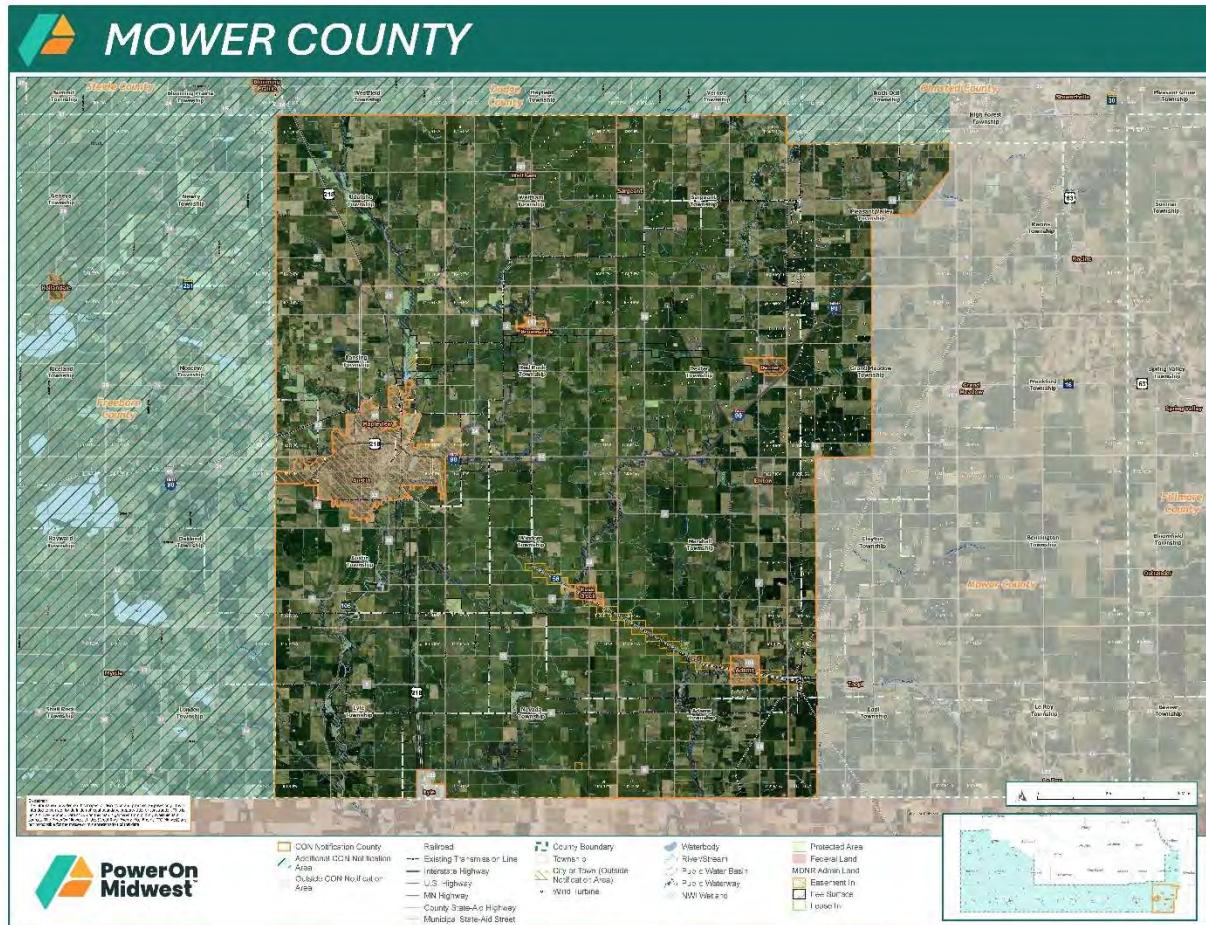
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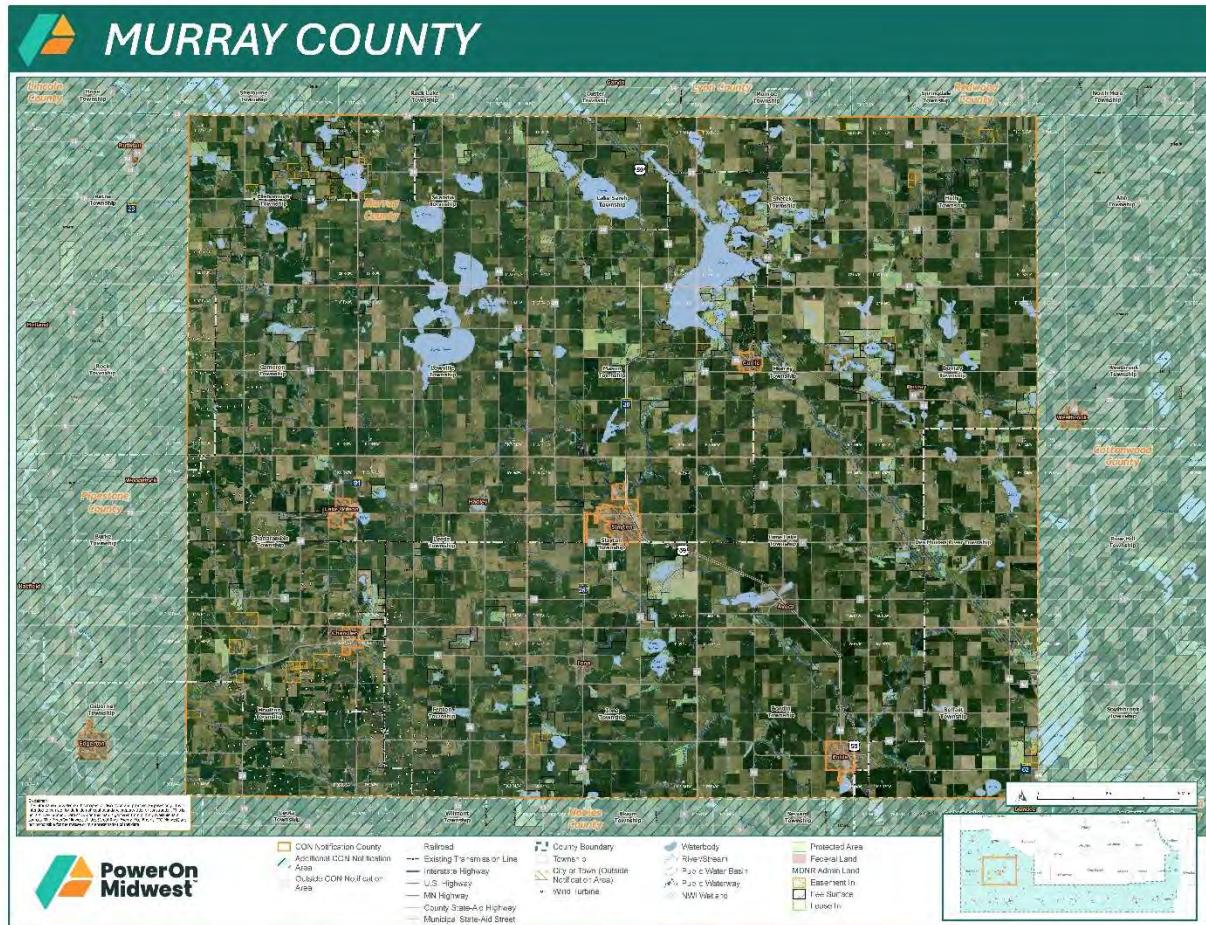
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- Outsbd CON Notifier Area
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- Existing Transmission Line
- Interstate Highway
- U.S. Highway
- MN Highway
- County Street & Highway
- Municipal State-Aid Street
- County Boundary
- City or Town (Outside Non-fiction Area)
- Wind Turbine
- Waterbody
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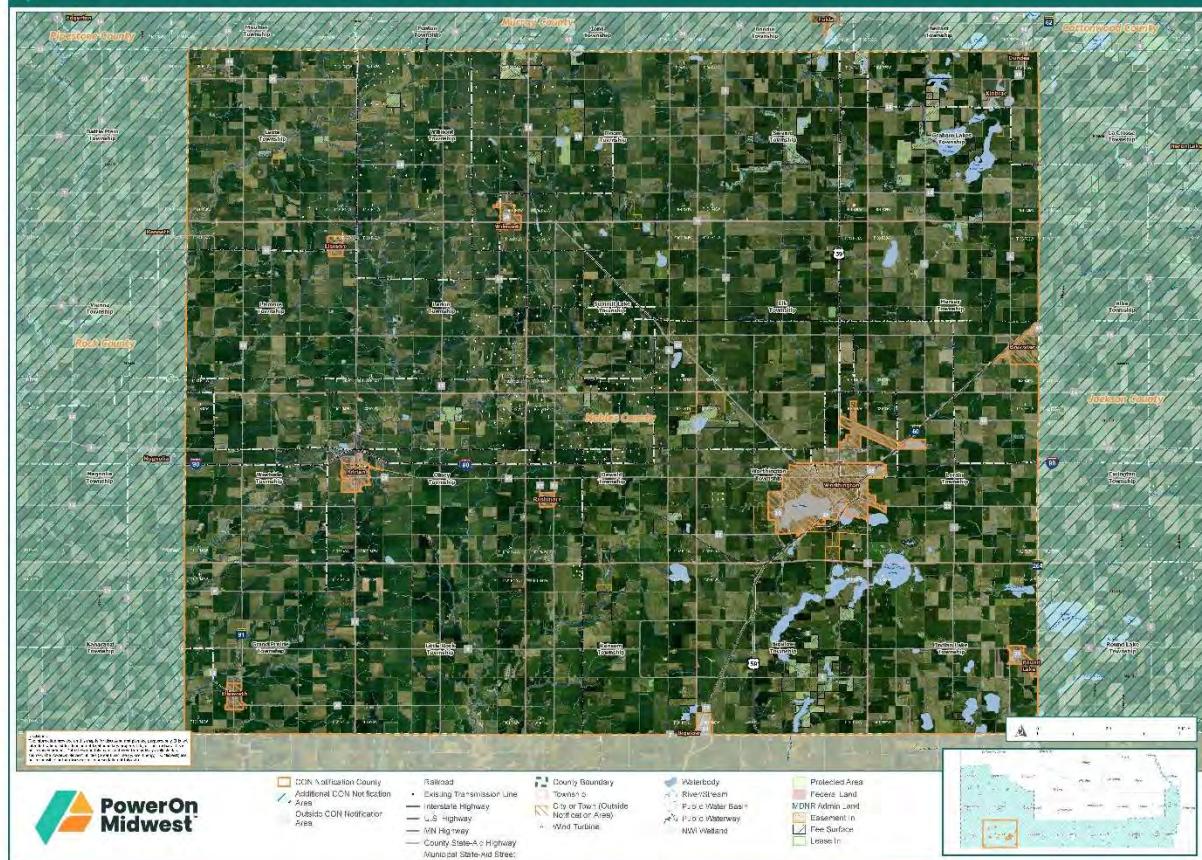


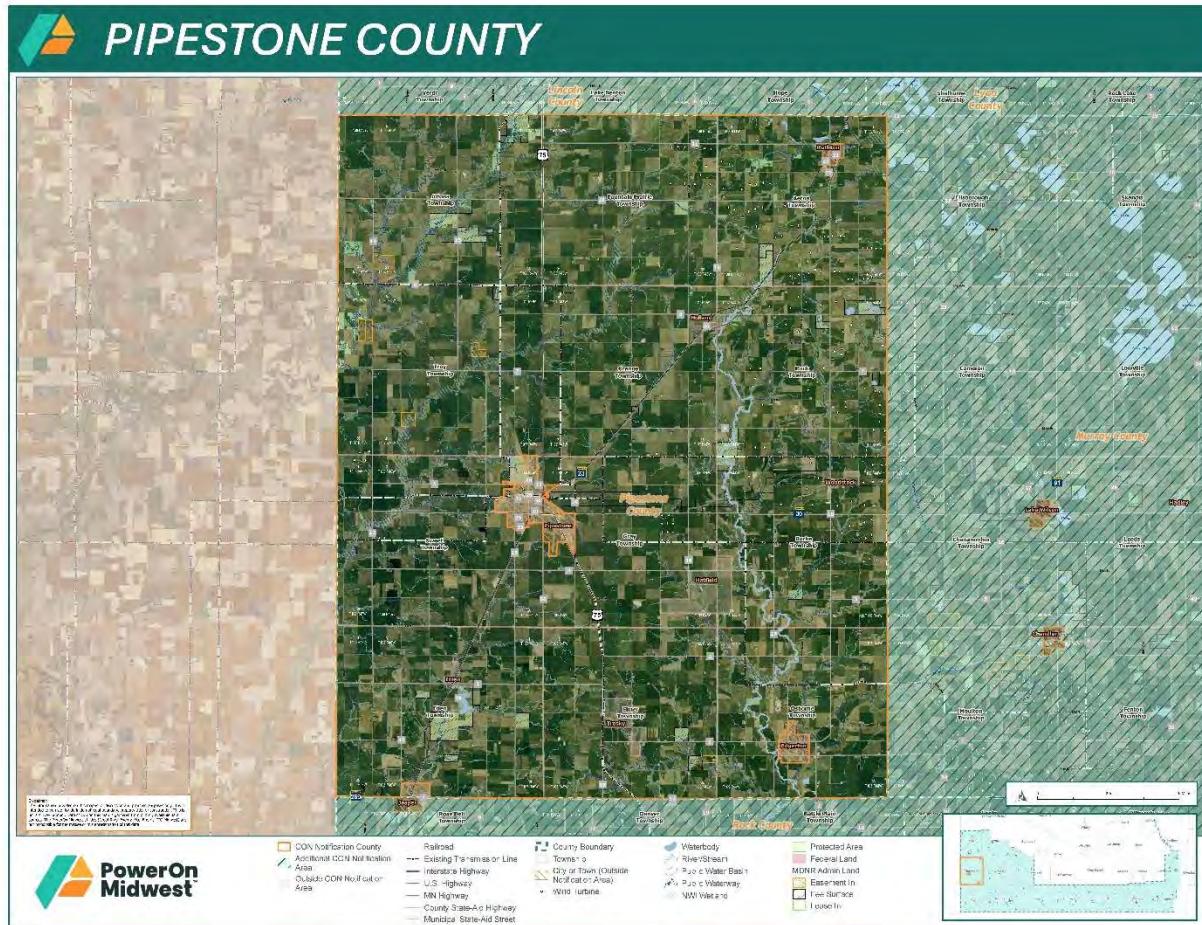






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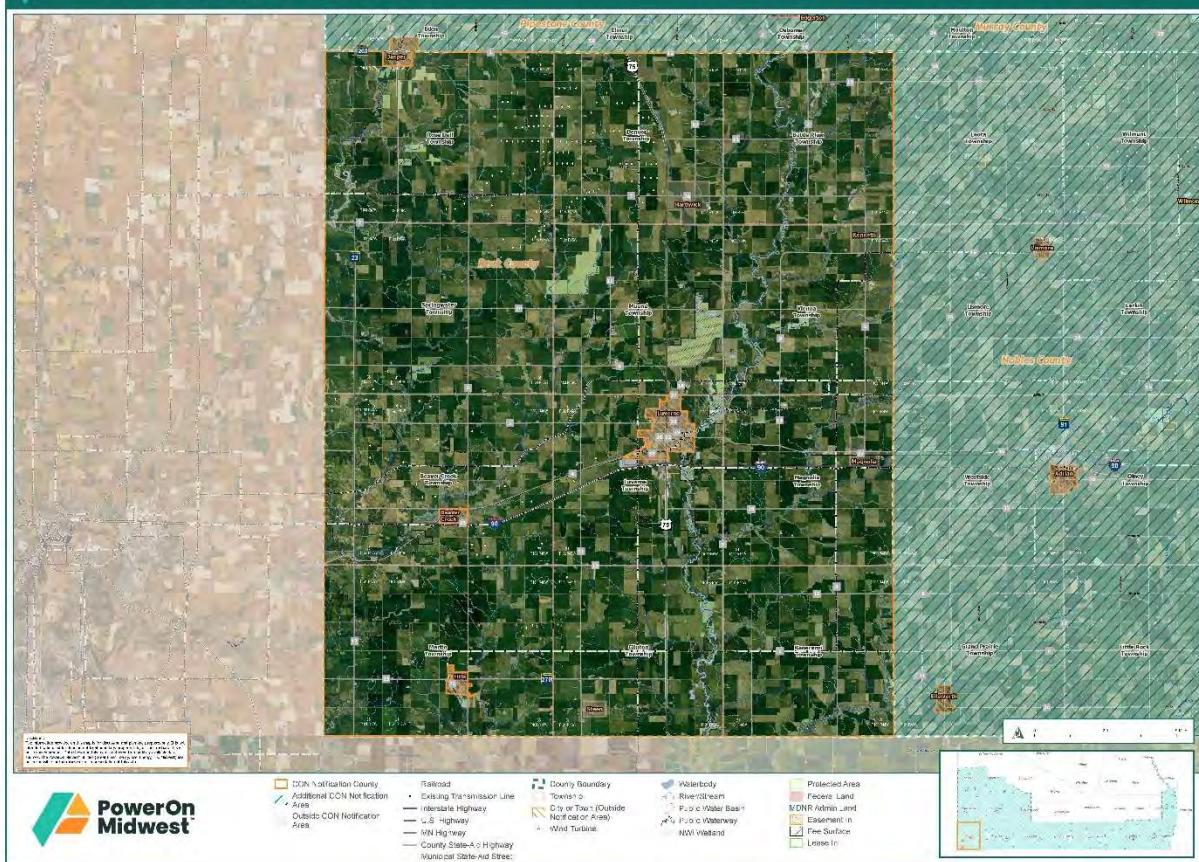


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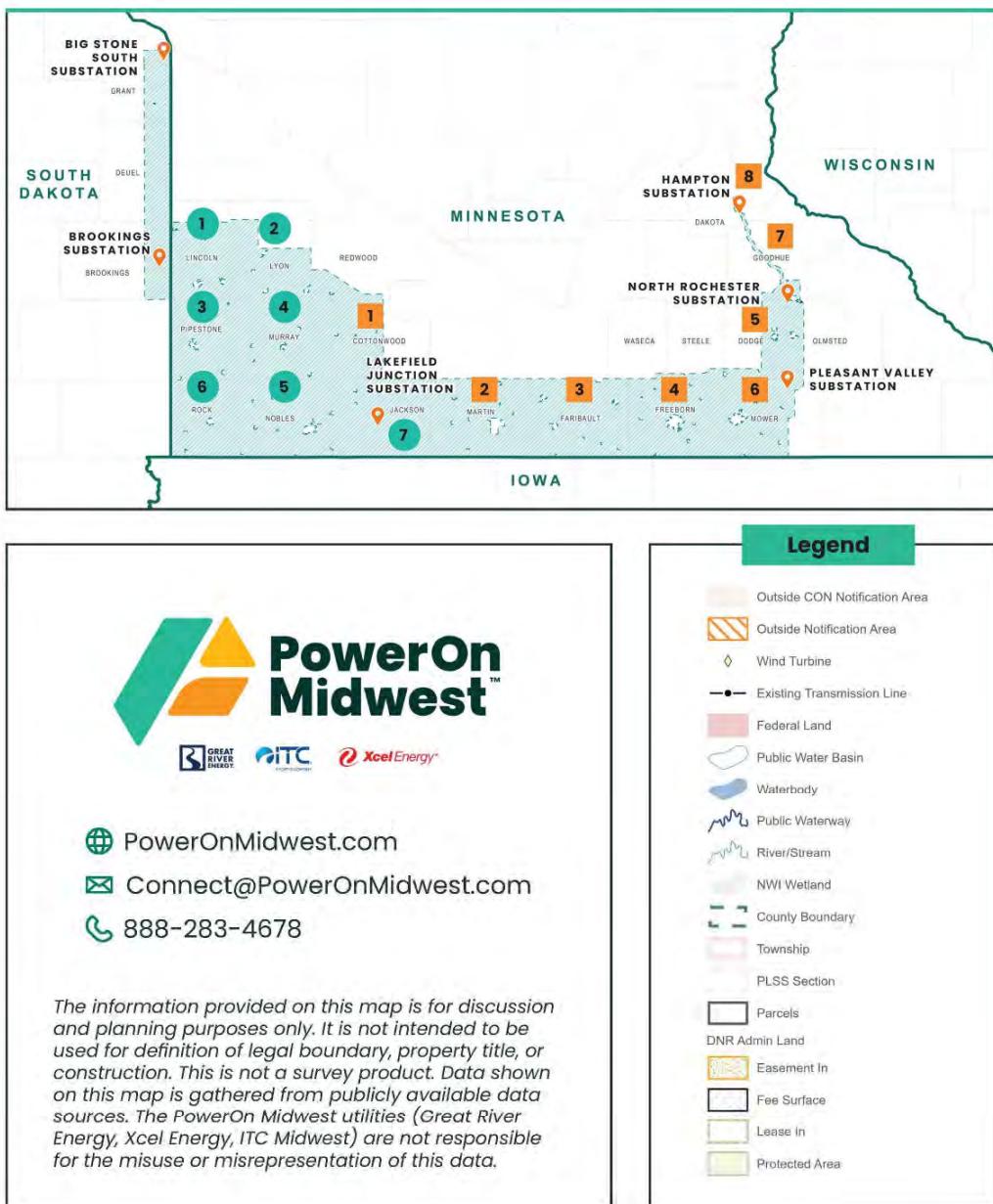


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GIS mapping station materials

Open house map station November 2025





Comment form



Comment form

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ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

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How to submit a comment:

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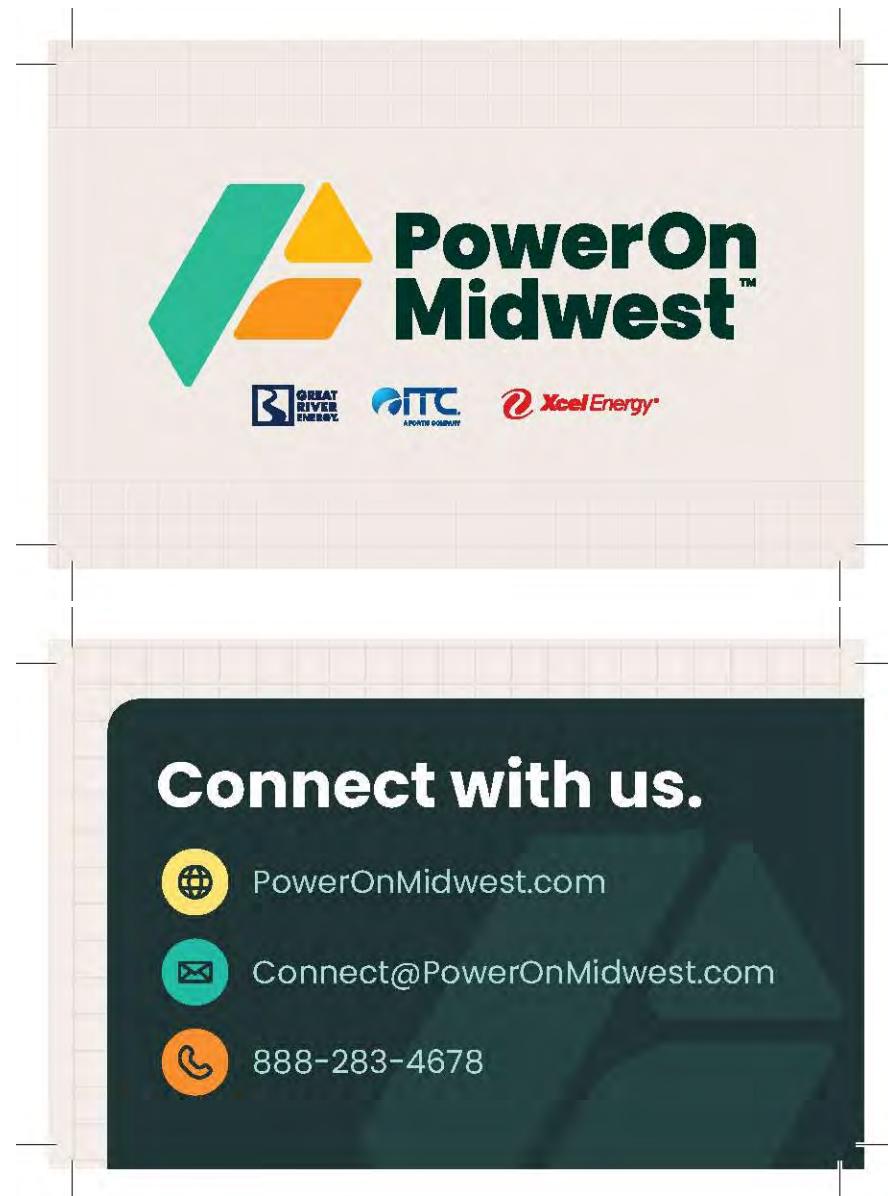
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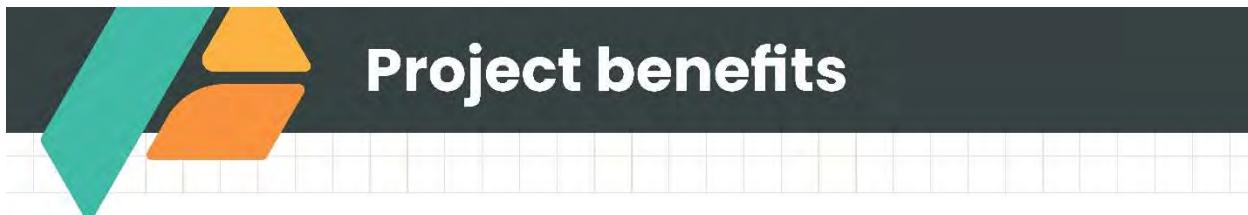
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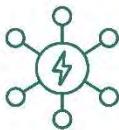
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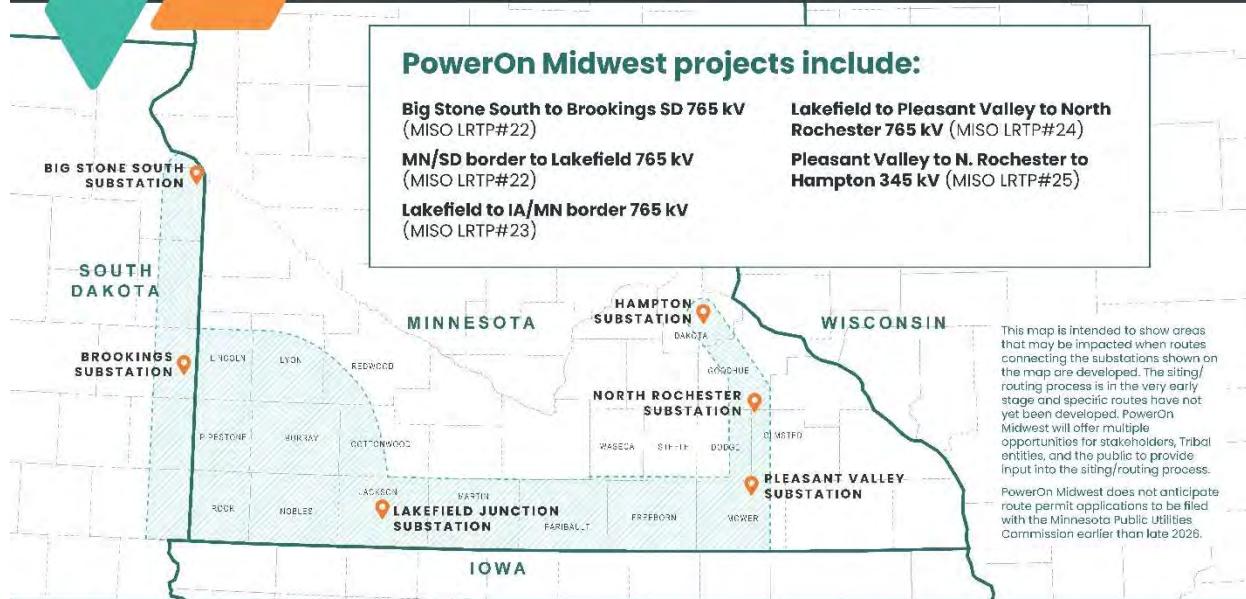


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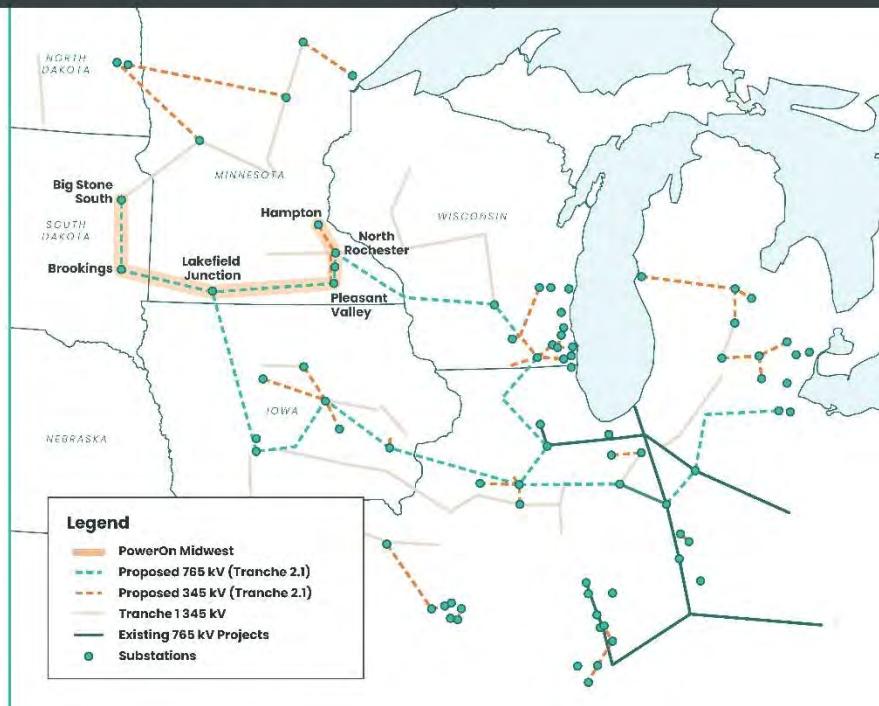


**Access to new
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Project map



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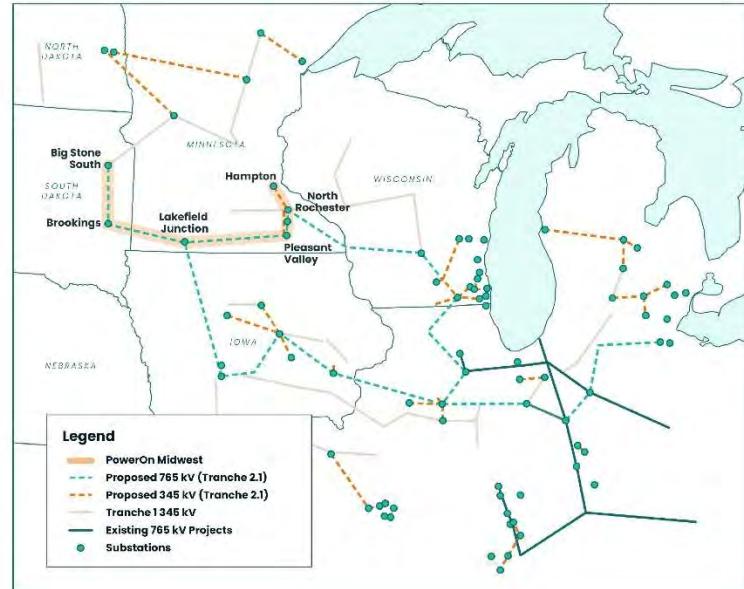




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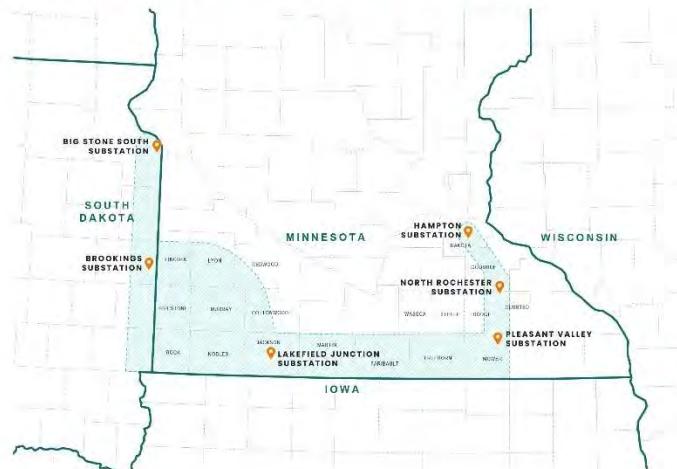
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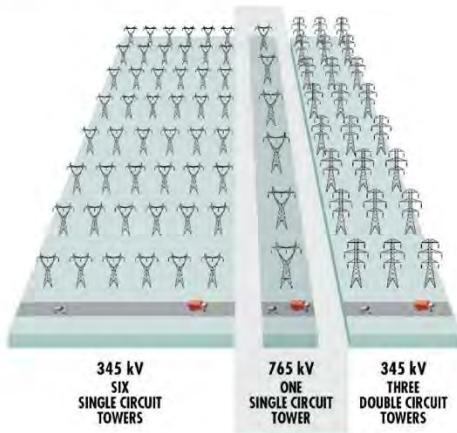
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- Efficiency
- Less Lines
- Lower impacts
- Meet growing power demands
- Resilient infrastructure
- Provide backup pathways

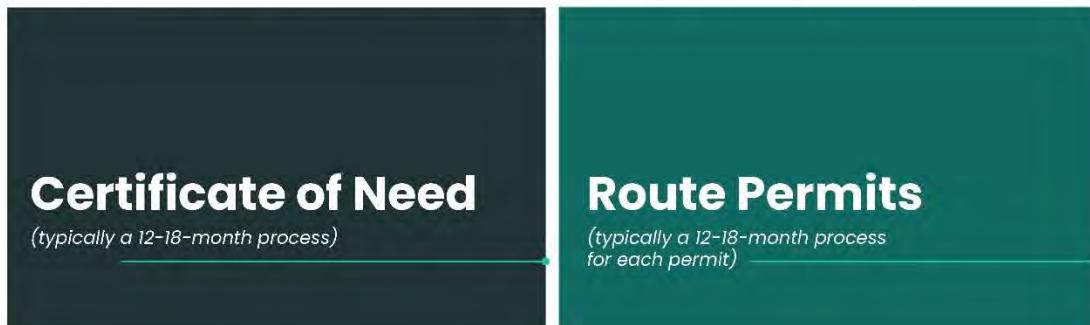
The electricity that can be moved by a single 765 kV line would be the same as:

- Six single circuit 345 kV lines or
- Three double circuit 345 kV lines

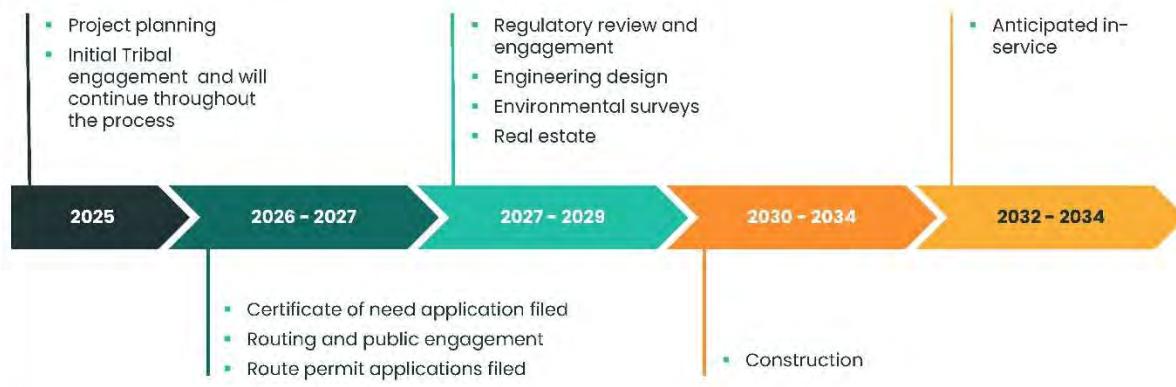


PowerOn Midwest permitting

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Minnesota Tribal Environmental Committee (MNTEC) presentation



A slide titled 'Utility team' in a large, bold, teal font. Below the title, the text 'Great River Energy | ITC Midwest | Otter Tail Power Company | Xcel Energy' is displayed. Underneath this text are the logos for four utility companies: Great River Energy (blue 'G' logo), ITC (blue 'I' logo with 'ITC' text and 'A FORTIS COMPANY' below it), Otter Tail Power Company (blue 'O' logo with 'OTTER TAIL' and 'POWER COMPANY' text), and Xcel Energy (red 'X' logo with 'Xcel Energy' text). A vertical column of text on the left edge of the slide reads 'Minnesota Tribal Environmental Committee'. In the bottom right corner, there is a small teal and yellow graphic element.

PowerOn Midwest

Electricity use is growing throughout the Upper Midwest and **demand is expected to increase significantly** over the next two decades.

This increase in electric use, combined with the changing ways electricity is generated, requires new long-term solutions to meet the needs of our communities, states, and region to ensure we can continue delivering the reliable service you need to power your daily lives.

PowerOn Midwest—tomorrow's reliability starts today.



Project benefits



Continued electric reliability



Customer and economic benefits



Prepares the grid for future growth



Access to new generation



Project benefits



Continued electric reliability

We know our customers and cooperative members expect:

- Consistent power delivery in any season, under any conditions.
- Access to cost-effective generation such as wind and solar.
- A grid that enables new technologies and supports technologies that reduce emissions.



Project benefits



Customer and economic benefits

- Enabling cost-efficient generation and improving reliability compared to other more expensive solutions.
- Between \$11 billion and \$25 billion in economic benefits, a return of about \$1.60 and \$3.10 for each dollar invested.
- PowerOn Midwest will help our local communities and region can continue to grow.



Project benefits



Prepares the grid for future growth



Electricity demand is expected to grow significantly over the coming decades.

This growth is driven by:

- New and expanded manufacturing.
- Expanded electrification of our homes and businesses.

The current transmission system cannot handle this level of growth without significant upgrades.

PowerOn Midwest is the answer, a 765 kV backbone able to carry more power from where it's generated to where it's needed.

Project benefits



Access to new generation



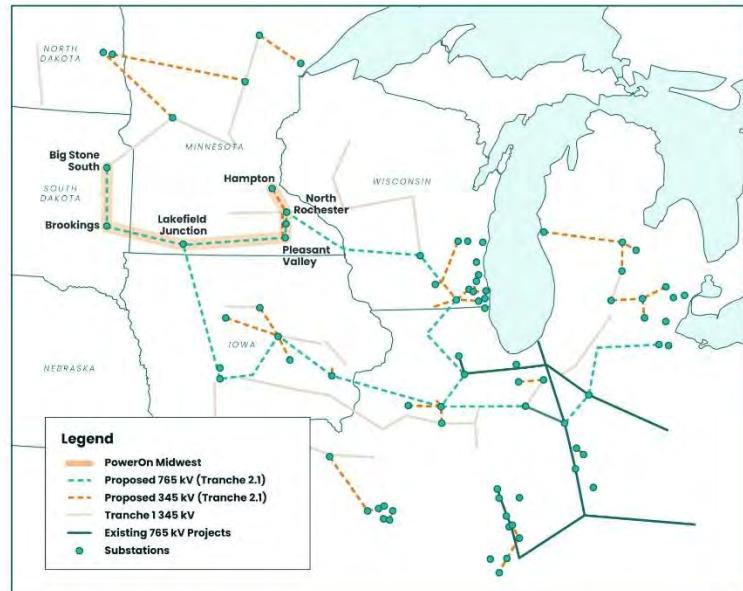
The way we generate power is changing.

Over the past two decades, many coal plants have been retired across the Upper Midwest and this is expected to continue.

Much of this energy generation will be replaced with:

- Geographically dispersed renewable energy
- New, always-ready natural gas plants
- Other emerging technologies

MISO Tranche 1 & 2.1



PowerOn Midwest study area

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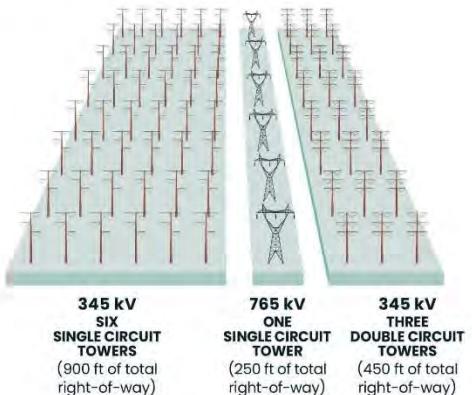
765 kV was identified in the planning process as the preferred solution for PowerOn Midwest, presenting several advantages:

- Efficiently carries power over long distances
- Fewer transmission lines needed to carry the same amount of power
- Fewer structures per mile reduces impact on communities and environment
- Resilient infrastructure that can consistently deliver power
- Provides backup power pathways



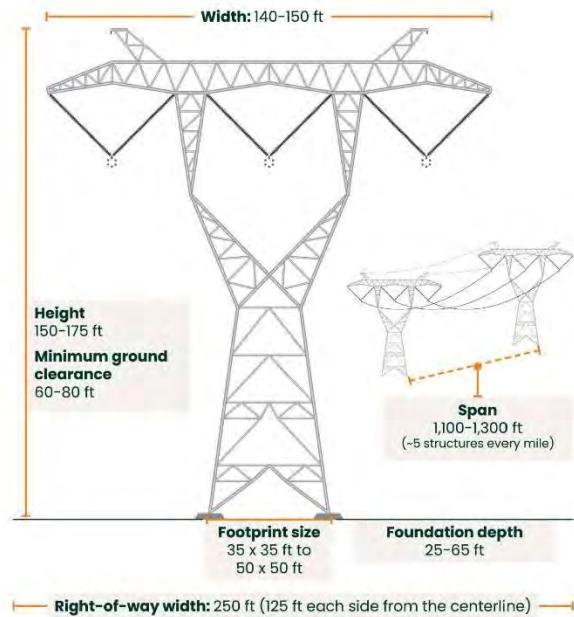
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- **Six single circuit 345 kV lines**
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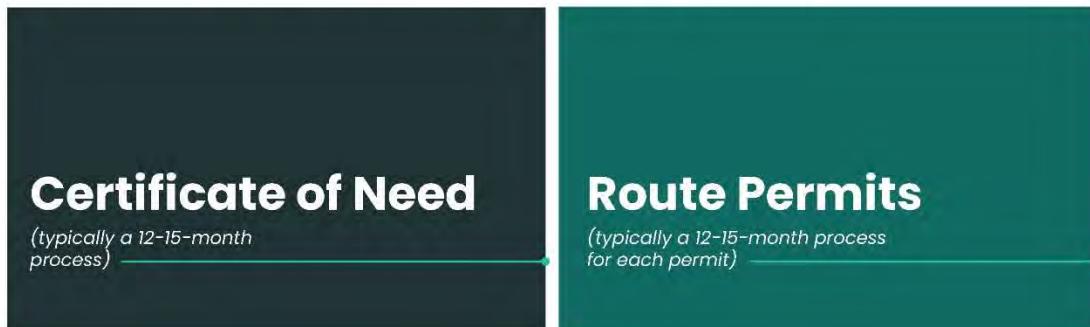
765 kV Structure

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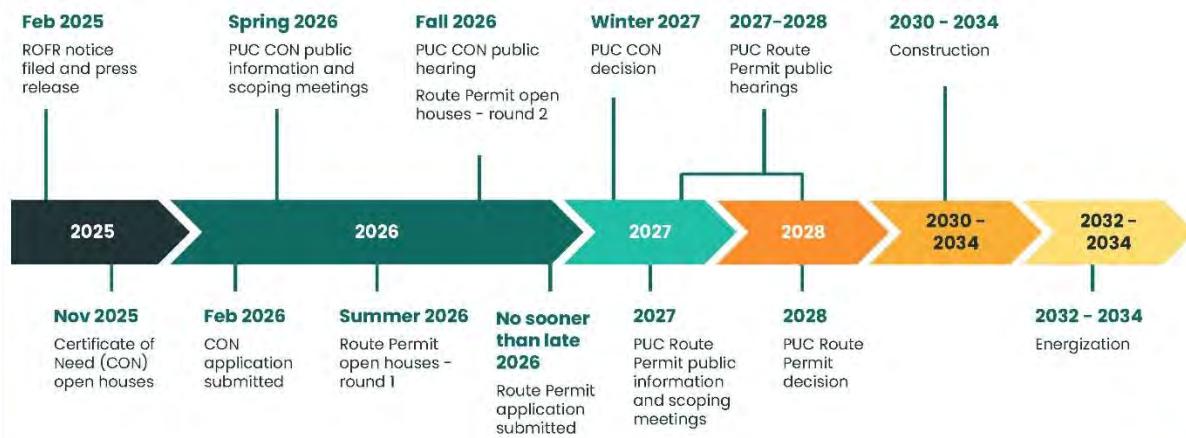


PowerOn Midwest permitting

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Preliminary schedule



Upcoming open houses



Open house schedule – week 1

	Date	Time	County	Location
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2	Monday, November 3	4 pm – 6 pm	Lyon	Five Family Ranch, 2717 County Road 6, Marshall, MN 56258
3	Tuesday, November 4	10 am – 12 pm	Pipestone	Hiawatha Lodge, 201 4th St. NW Pipestone, MN 56164
4	Tuesday, November 4	4 pm – 6 pm	Murray	American Legion, 106 W Front St., Fulda, MN 56131
5	Wednesday, November 5	10 am – 12 pm	Nobles	Worthington Event Center, 1447 Prairie Dr., Worthington, MN 56187
6	Wednesday, November 5	4 pm – 6 pm	Rock	Generations Events Center, 105 S. Estey St., Luverne, MN 56156
7	Thursday, November 6	10 am – 12 pm 4 pm – 6 pm	Jackson	Heron Lake Community Center, 312 10th St., Heron Lake, MN 56137

Can't be there in person? Explore the virtual, self-guided open house on our website to learn and provide feedback.

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Open house schedule – week 2

Date	Time	County	Location
1 Monday, November 10	10 am – 12 pm	Cottonwood	Windom Community Center, 1750 Cottonwood Lake Dr., Windom, MN 56101
2 Monday, November 10	4 pm – 6 pm	Martin	Knights of Columbus, 920 East 10th St, Fairmont, Minnesota 56031
3 Tuesday, November 11	10 am – 12 pm	Faribault	Naseic Event Center, 789 Business Park Dr., Wells, MN 56097
4 Tuesday, November 11	4 pm – 6 pm	Freeborn	Wedgewood Cove, 2200 W 9th St, Albert Lea, MN 56007
5 Wednesday, November 12	10 am – 12 pm 4 pm – 6 pm	Dodge	Events by Saker, 401 8th St. SE, Kasson, MN 55944
6 Thursday, November 13	10 am – 12 pm	Mower	Hormel Nature Center, 1304 21st St. NE, Austin, MN 55912
7 Thursday, November 13	4 pm – 6 pm	Goodhue	Zumbrota VFW, 21 E 1st St., Zumbrota, MN 55992
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Thank You





Tribal project introduction letter



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Greetings,

We are reaching out to introduce you to PowerOn Midwest and learn how to best engage with [TRIBE] as we begin the regulatory and route development processes.

PowerOn Midwest is a series of new transmission infrastructure projects for Minnesota, including a new 765 kilovolt (kV) transmission line designed to carry large amounts of electricity across long distances. PowerOn Midwest also includes new 345 kV transmission lines in Minnesota. These transmission lines are critical for linking new wide-spread generation resources to the electrical grid, delivering power efficiently to homes and businesses, and ensuring continued reliable electric service throughout the Midwest.

PowerOn Midwest is being developed by Great River Energy, ITC Midwest, and Xcel Energy (together, the "PowerOn Midwest utilities"). The Project is in the southern part of Minnesota from the South Dakota border to near Rochester. We have enclosed an Overview Map to show the location of the Project. This map depicts the preliminary project area. No routes have been identified at this early stage.



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PowerOn Midwest would require two types of approvals from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC): a Certificate of Need and Route Permits. The PowerOn Midwest utilities will submit a Certificate of Need application for PowerOn Midwest to the MPUC in February 2026. Separately, the PowerOn Midwest utilities will submit Route Permit applications to the MPUC for each of the Project components no earlier than late 2026.

We are in the very early stages of project development and want to begin engaging with you as we move forward. Our goal is to engage with you early and regularly throughout the Certificate of Need, route development, and Route Permit processes. To begin these efforts, we want to understand how to best work with the [TRIBE], council, and staff so that our engagement efforts can be most useful to you. We will reach out directly to [THPO NAME] to discuss PowerOn Midwest, including what staff members should be included in future communications.

If you would like to contact PowerOn Midwest with questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me at matthew.a.langan@xcelenergy.com. We will continue to be in communication with you as the project development process moves forward.

Sincerely,

/s/ Matt Langan

Xcel Energy, Policy and Outreach
PowerOn Midwest

Enclosure: PowerOn Midwest Overview Map

cc: Dan Lasher, Great River Energy
Mark Rothfork, ITC Midwest
Tim Rogers, Xcel Energy
Ellen Heine, Xcel Energy



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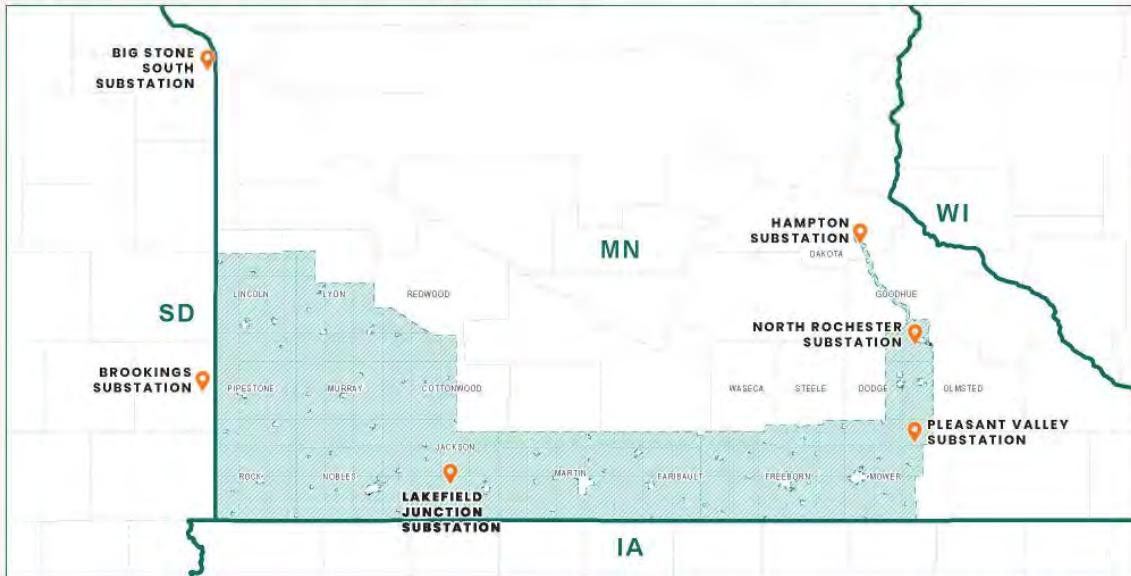
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September 2025



Tribal open house invitation letter



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RE: PowerOn Midwest

Public Open House Schedule

Greetings,

PowerOn Midwest (or, the project) is hosting a series of public open houses as shown below. We invite you, or representatives from the [TRIBE], to attend if interested.

A virtual open house opportunity will be available from November 3-21 and will share the same information, displays, and maps from the in-person public open houses.

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Regulatory approvals

PowerOn Midwest would require two types of approvals from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission: a Certificate of Need for the project and Route Permits for each of the project segments.

The PowerOn Midwest utilities submitted a Certificate of Need Notice Plan Petition on October 1, 2025. We have enclosed a preliminary project map which shows the proposed Notice Area, or the geographic extent of landowners receiving notice about the project. A Certificate of Need application for PowerOn Midwest will be submitted in February 2026.

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Questions

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We will continue to be in communication with you as the project development process moves forward.

Sincerely,

/s/ Matt Langan

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Enclosure: PowerOn Midwest Preliminary Project Map

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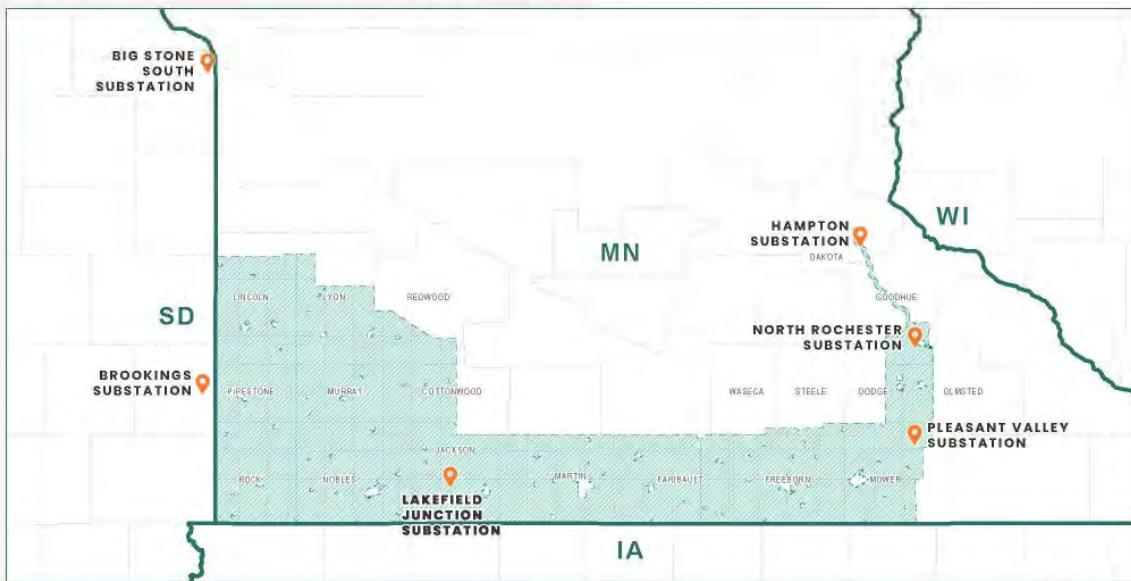
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Greetings,

We are reaching out to introduce you to PowerOn Midwest. PowerOn Midwest (or, the project) is a series of new electric transmission infrastructure projects. In Minnesota, PowerOn Midwest consists of new 765 kilovolt (kV) transmission facilities designed to carry large amounts of electricity across long distances and new 345 kV transmission facilities. PowerOn Midwest is critical for linking new wide-spread generation resources to the electrical grid, delivering power efficiently to homes and businesses, and ensuring continued reliable electric service throughout the Midwest.

In Minnesota, PowerOn Midwest is being developed by Great River Energy, ITC Midwest, and Xcel Energy (together, the "PowerOn Midwest utilities"). The project is in the southern part of Minnesota from the South Dakota border to near Rochester.

Regulatory approvals

PowerOn Midwest would require two types of approvals from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission: a Certificate of Need for the project and Route Permits for each of the project segments.

The PowerOn Midwest utilities submitted a Certificate of Need Notice Plan Petition on October 1, 2025. We have enclosed a preliminary project map which shows the proposed Notice Area, or the geographic extent of landowners receiving notice about the project. An application for a Certificate of Need will be submitted in February 2026.

Following submittal of the Certificate of Need application, the PowerOn Midwest utilities anticipate submitting Route Permit applications for each project segment in early 2027. We will reach out to your agency again, as route development advances.



prior to submitting the Route Permit applications. No routes have been developed at this time.

Upcoming open houses

PowerOn Midwest is hosting a series of public open houses as shown below. We invite you, or representatives from your agency, to attend if interested.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Monday, Nov. 3	10 am – 12 pm	Lake Benton Area Community & Event Center, 114 Center St. S, Lake Benton, MN 56149
Monday, Nov. 3	4 pm – 6 pm	Five Family Ranch, 2717 County Road 6, Marshall, MN 56258
Tuesday, Nov. 4	10 am – 12 pm	Hiawatha Lodge, 201 4 th St. NW, Pipestone, MN 56164
Tuesday, Nov. 4	4 pm – 6 pm	America Legion, 106 W Front St, Fulda, MN 56131
Wednesday, Nov. 5	10 am – 12 pm	Worthington Event Center, 1447 Prairie Dr., Worthington, MN 56187
Wednesday, Nov. 5	4 pm – 6 pm	Generations Event Center, 105 S. Estey St., Luverne, MN 56156
Thursday, Nov. 6	10 am – 12 pm 4 pm – 6 pm	Heron Lake Community Center, 312 10 th St., Heron Lake, MN 56137
Monday, Nov. 10	10 am – 12 pm	Windom Community Center, 1750 Cottonwood Lake Dr., Windom, MN 56101
Monday, Nov. 10	4 pm – 6 pm	Knights of Columbus, 920 East 10 th St., Fairmont, MN 56031
Tuesday, Nov. 11	10 am – 12 pm	Naseic Event Center, 789 Business Park Dr., Wells, MN 56097
Tuesday, Nov. 11	4 pm – 6 pm	Wedgewood Cove, 2200 W. 9 th St., Albert Lea, MN 56007
Wednesday, Nov. 12	10 am – 12 pm 4 pm – 6 pm	Events by Saker, 401 8 th St. SE, Kasson, MN 55944





DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, Nov. 13	10 am – 12 pm	Hormel Nature Center, 1304 21 st St. NE, Austin, MN 55912
Thursday, Nov. 13	4 pm – 6 pm	Zumbrota VFW, 21 st E. 1 st St., Zumbrota, MN 55992
Friday, Nov. 14	9 am – 11 am	Grand 02 Event Center, 32057 64 th Ave., Cannon Falls, MN 55009

A virtual open house opportunity will be available from November 3-21 and will share the same information, displays, and maps from the in-person public open houses. You will be able access the virtual open house via the project website at PowerOnMidwest.com.

Please contact me at dlesher@greenergy.com if you have any questions regarding the project. We would be happy to meet with your agency to present PowerOn Midwest and answer specific questions you may have. We will continue to be in communication with you as the PowerOn Midwest development process moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Lesher".

Dan Lesher
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PowerOn Midwest

Enclosure: PowerOn Midwest Preliminary Project Map

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