



# Appendix H

## Public Outreach Materials

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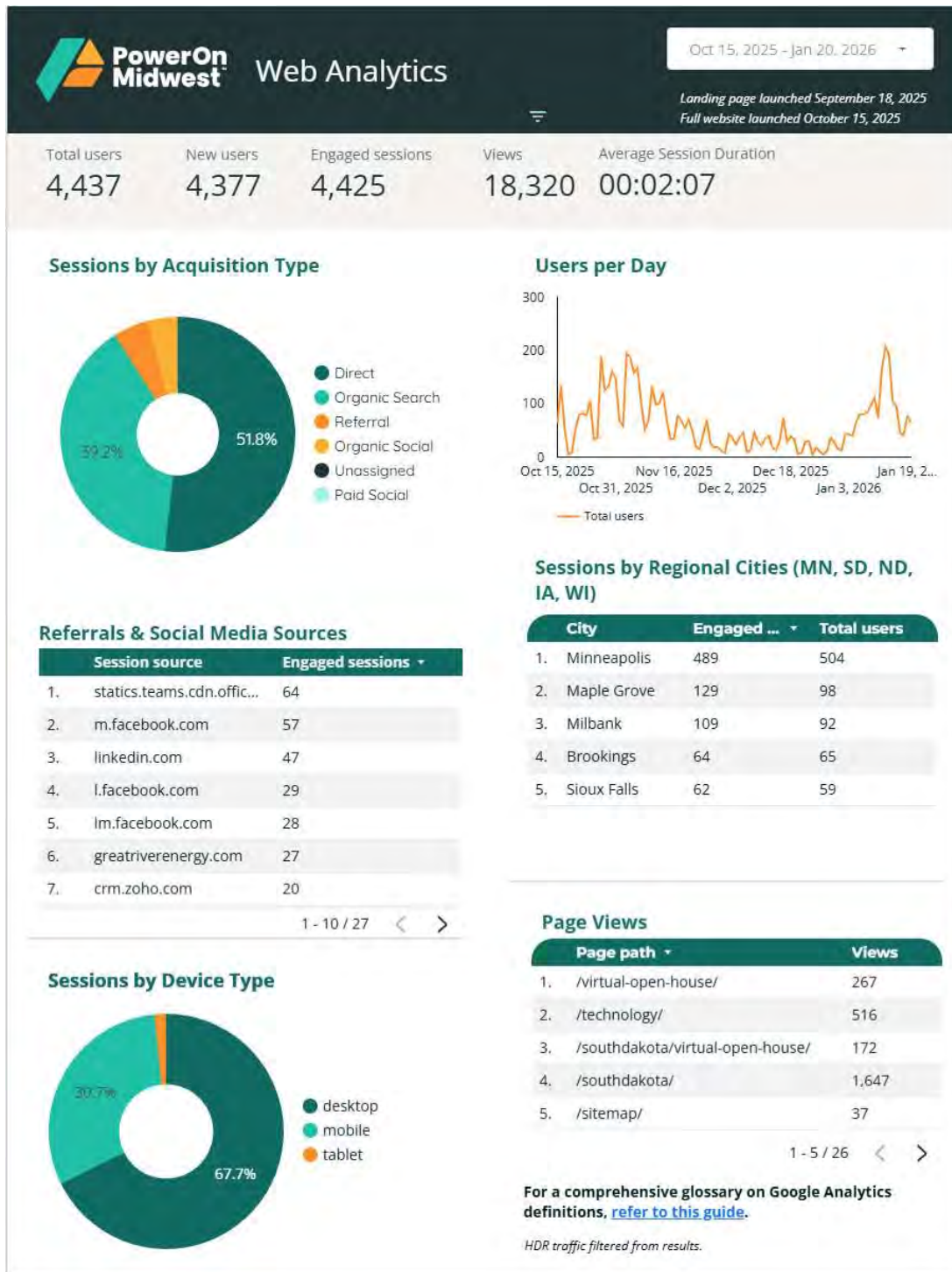
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# Project communication channels

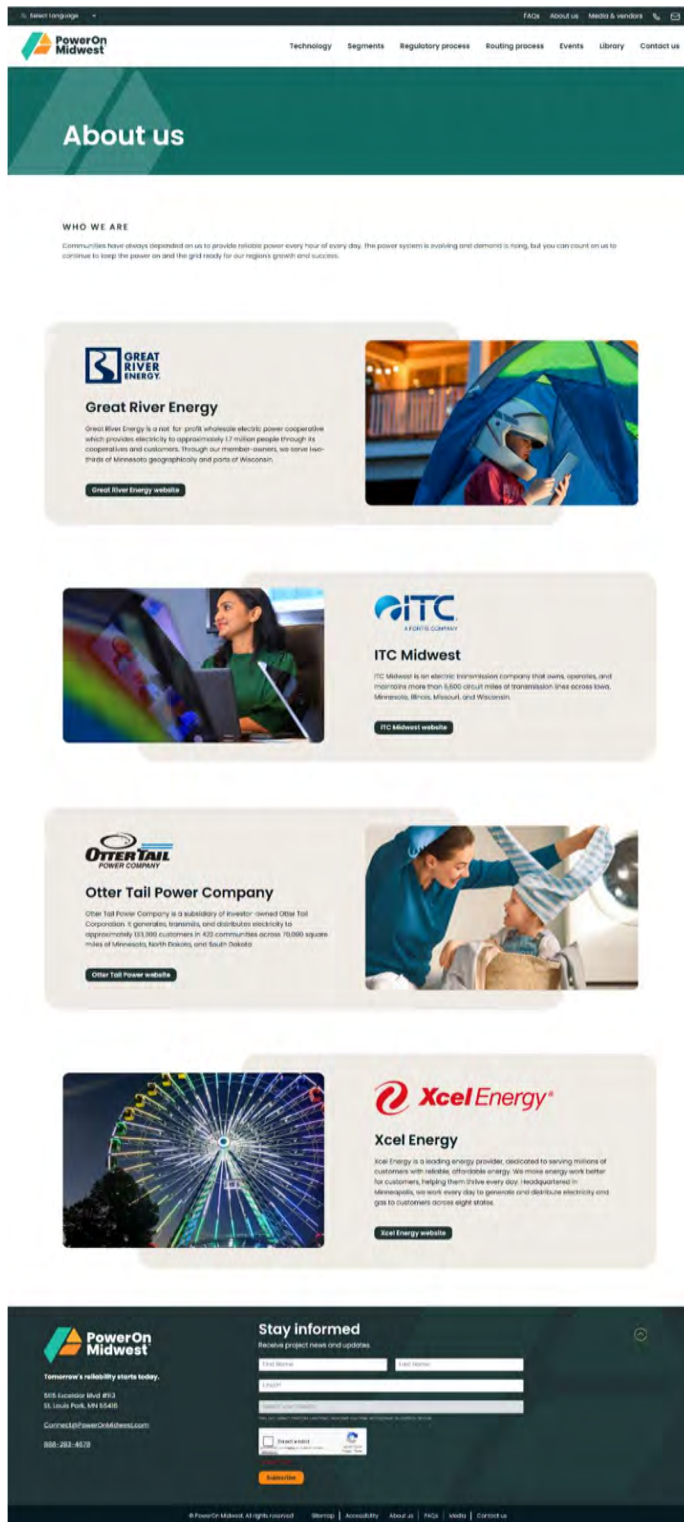
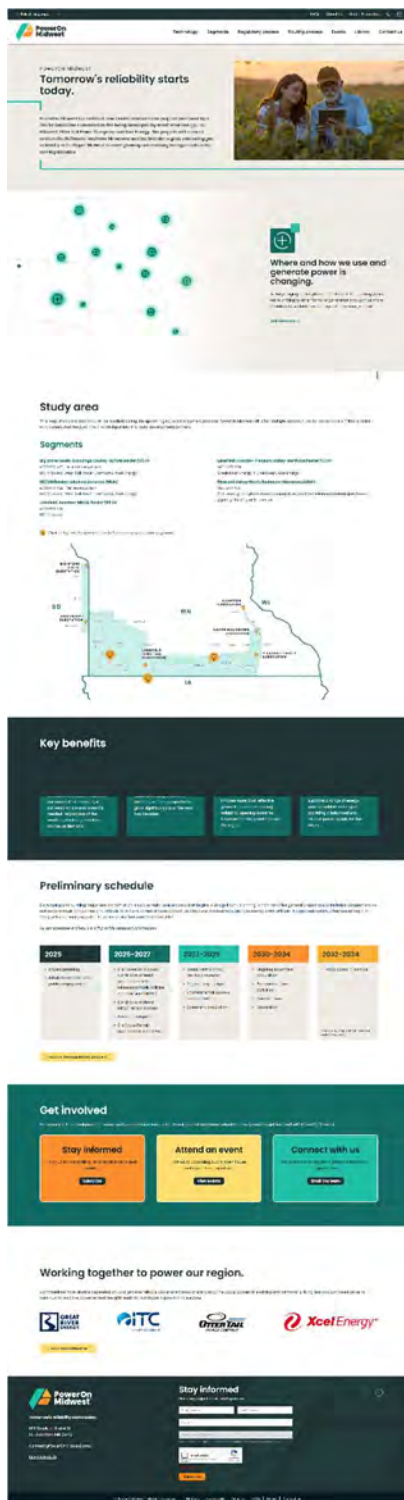
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## Website screenshots





## Contact Us

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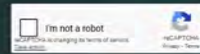
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# Events

[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.

- [Banners](#)
- [Boards](#)

## 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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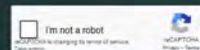
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# Frequently Asked Questions

## FAQs

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

Regulatory filing documents can be accessed below.

Facility permit docket # coming soon!

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

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## Media & vendors

### Contacts

To connect with our media team, please email [media@poweronmidwest.com](mailto:media@poweronmidwest.com). To reach a specific utility, please use the contact information below.



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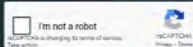
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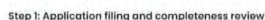
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PowerOn Midwest has segments in Minnesota and South Dakota, with each state following its own regulatory process. Each state follows specific siting and review laws, and includes opportunities for public involvement and input. The rules governing large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

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

The COG 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 COG application to the MPUC in early 2028.



The MFUC 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 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 MFUC 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 utilities' proposal or alternatives and the DR. 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

<sup>16</sup> 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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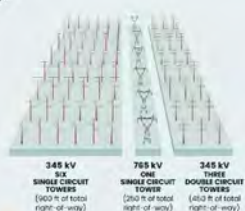


#### THE PREFERRED SOLUTION

At PowerOn Midwest, we are committed to providing the best possible solution for our customers. Our 765 kV technology is the preferred solution for our customers.

#### Why 765 kV technology?

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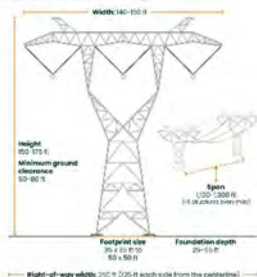


#### Structure types

PowerOn Midwest offers a variety of tower types for our customers. Our 765 kV technology is the preferred solution for our customers.

#### Typical 765 kV structures

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#### Typical 345 kV structures

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#### Existing typical wind and coal (H-frame structure (single circuit))



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#### Preliminary typical structure (double circuit)



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#### Land rights overview

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#### Our land rights acquisition process

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# Local Government Unit outreach

## Local Government Unit 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.

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.





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





<b>Tuesday, Nov. 11</b>	10 am – 12 pm	Naseic Event Center, 789 Business Park Dr., Wells, MN 56097
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 11</b>	4 pm – 6 pm	Wedgewood Cove, 2200 W. 9 <sup>th</sup> St., Albert Lea, MN 56007
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 12</b>	10 am – 12 pm 4 pm – 6 pm	Events by Saker, 401 8 <sup>th</sup> St. SE. Kasson, MN 55944
<b>Thursday, Nov. 13</b>	10 am – 12 pm	Hormel Nature Center, 1304 21 <sup>st</sup> St. NE, Austin, MN 55912
<b>Thursday, Nov. 13</b>	4 pm – 6 pm	Zumbrota VFW, 21 <sup>st</sup> E. 1 <sup>st</sup> St., Zumbrota, MN 55992
<b>Friday, Nov. 14</b>	9 am – 11 am	Grand 02 Event Center, 32057 64 <sup>th</sup> 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](http://PowerOnMidwest.com), email us at [Connect@PowerOnMidwest.com](mailto: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 filed 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.**



## Project benefits



**Reliable  
electricity**



**Customer and  
economic benefits**



**Future-ready grid**



**Access to new  
generation**



## 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.

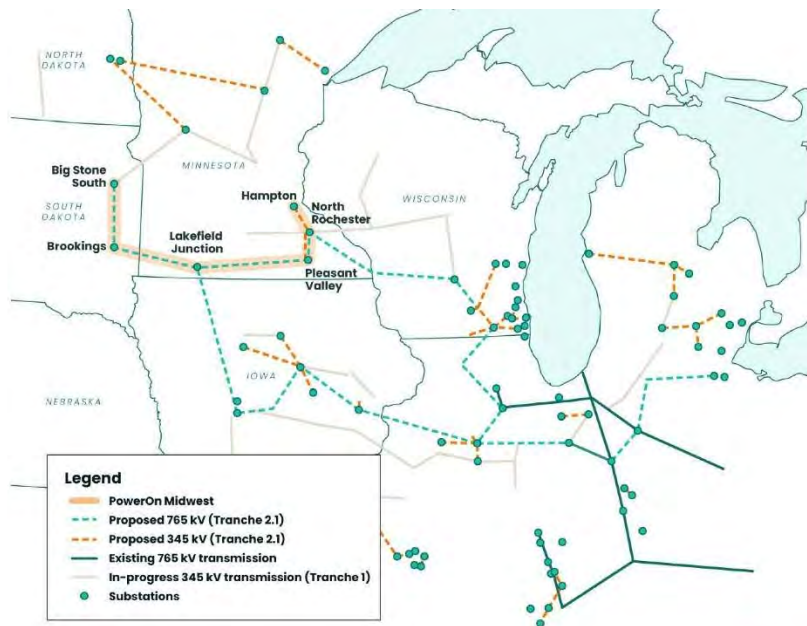
***Much of this energy generation will be replaced with:***

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





# MISO Tranche 1 & 2.1



## 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)
- Pleasant Valley-North Rochester-Hampton 345 kV (MISO LRTP#25)



## Technology

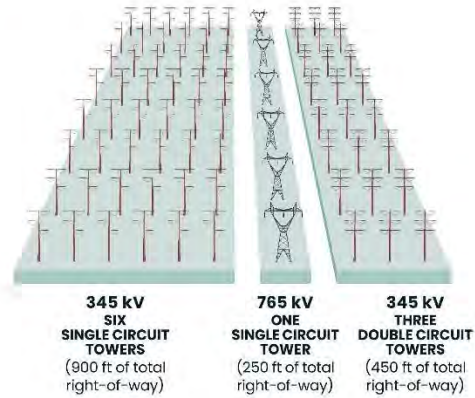
**765 kV** technology was identified in the planning process as the preferred solution for the region, presenting several advantages:

- 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



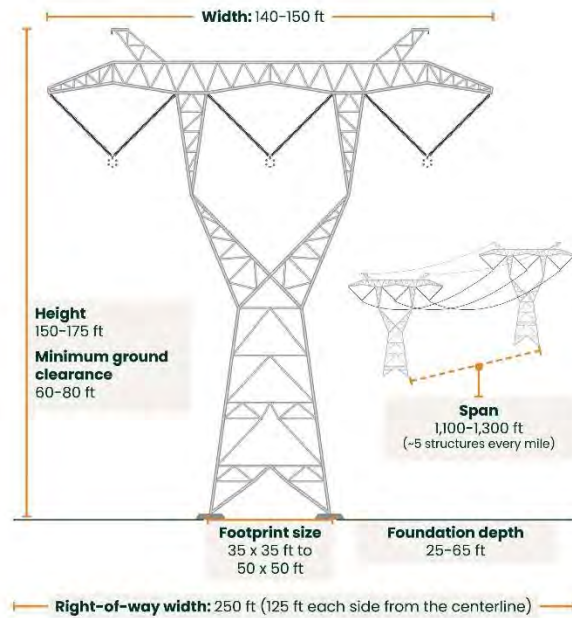
A 765 kV transmission line can carry as much power as:

- **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

## Certificate of Need

(typically a 12-15-month process)

## Route Permits

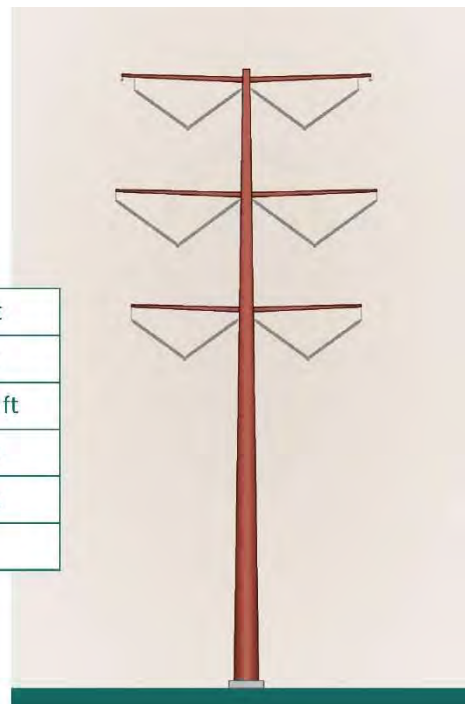
(typically a 12-15-month process for each permit)



## 345 kV Structure

- Existing double circuit capable 345 kV structure

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





## PowerOn Midwest permitting

### Permit amendment

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



Dakota County



## 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.

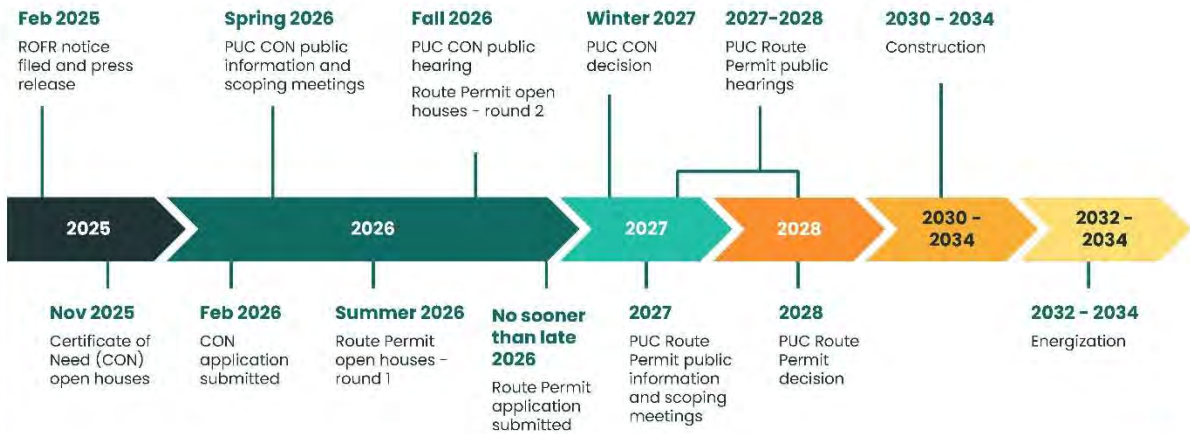


The utilities construct, operate, and maintain the transmission line within the easement.

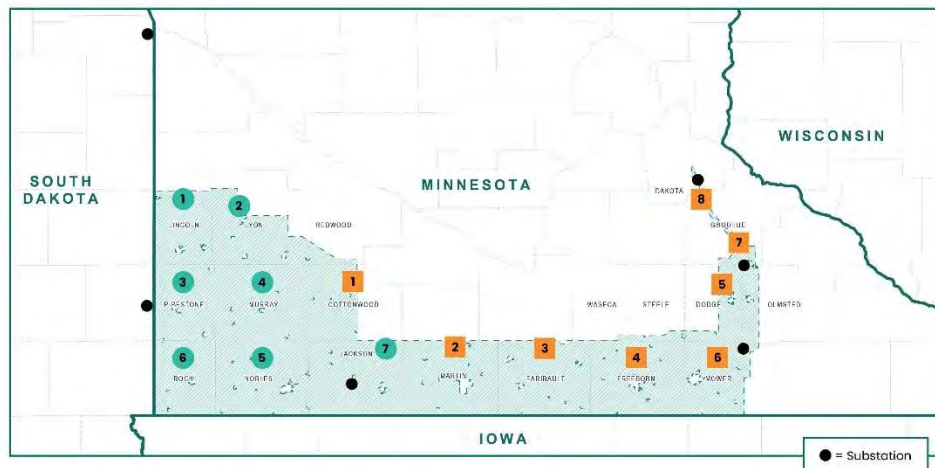
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## Preliminary schedule



## Upcoming open houses





## Open house schedule – week 1

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## Open house schedule – week 2

	Date	Time	County	Location
1	Monday, November 10	10 am – 12 pm	Cottonwood	Windam Community Center, 1750 Cottonwood Lake Dr., Windam, 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	Hornel 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
8	Friday, November 14	9 am – 11 am	Goodhue	Grand 02 Event Center, 32057 64th Ave., Cannon Falls, MN 55009

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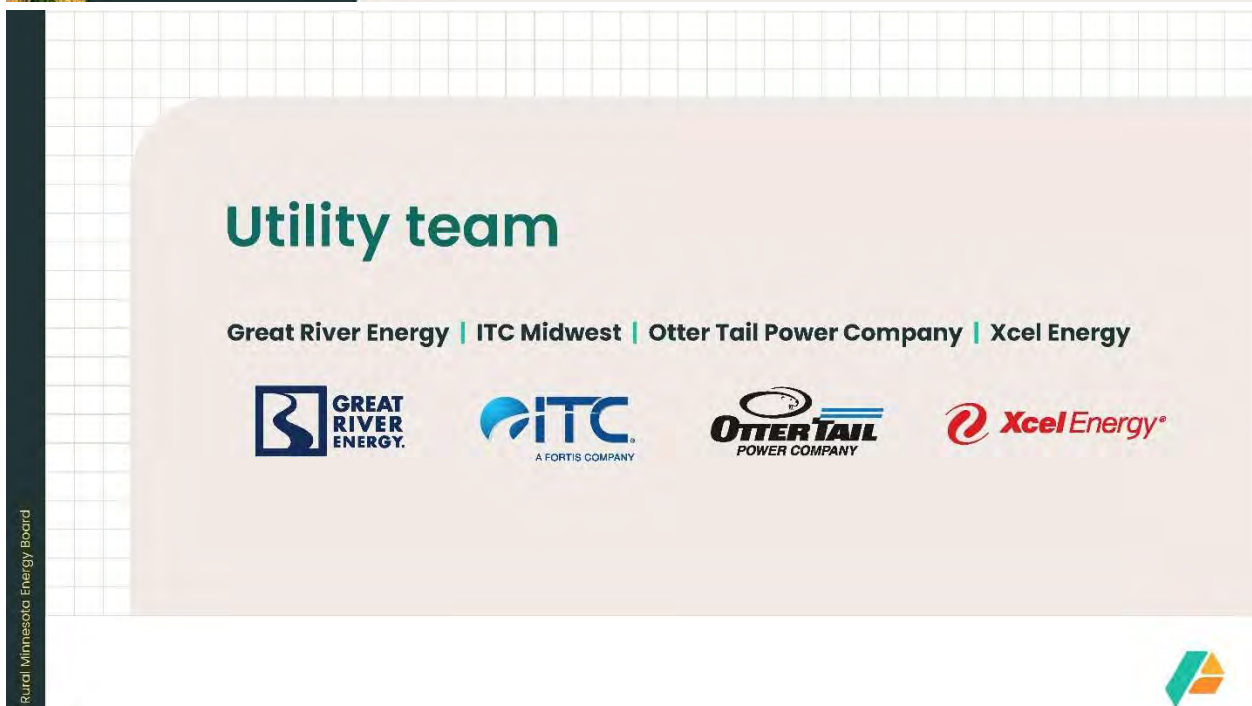


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## Minnesota Rural Energy Board presentation





# PowerOn Midwest

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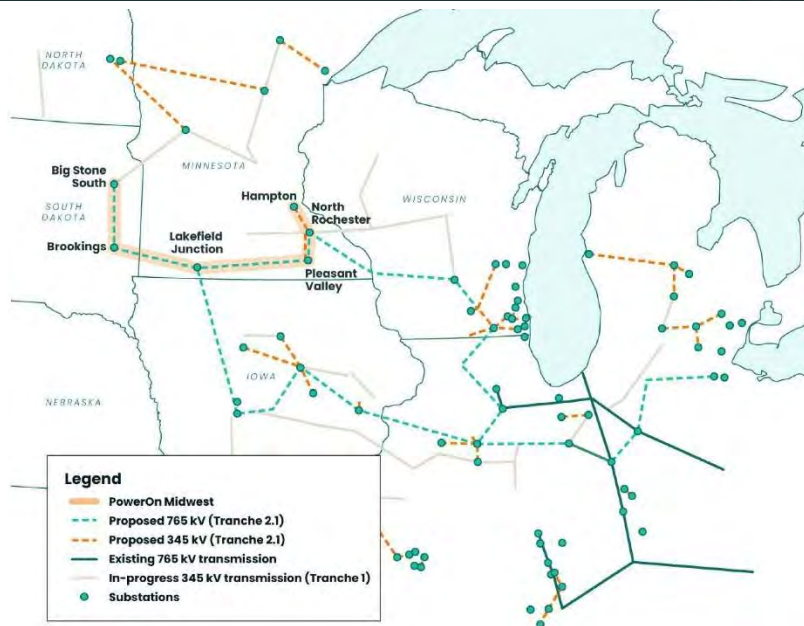
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Rural Minnesota Energy Board



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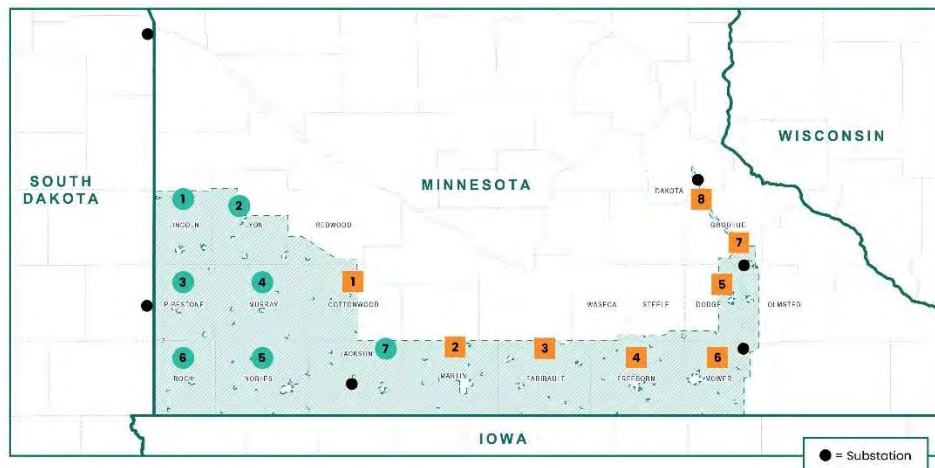
## PowerOn Midwest study area

### 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)
- Pleasant Valley-North Rochester-Hampton 345 kV (MISO LRTP#25)



## 2025 open houses



## 2025 open houses – 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

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## 2025 open houses – week 2

	Date	Time	County	Location
1	Monday, November 10	10 am – 12 pm	Cottonwood	Windam Community Center, 1750 Cottonwood Lake Dr., Windam, 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
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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



## Connect with us



### Engagement opportunities

- For additional information, please visit our website.



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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.





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.

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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](http://PowerOnMidwest.com), email us at [Connect@PowerOnMidwest.com](mailto:Connect@PowerOnMidwest.com), or leave us a message at 888.283.4678 to stay connected and informed.

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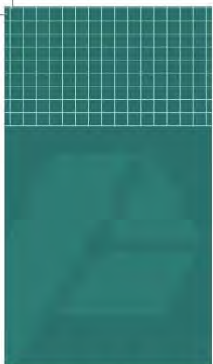
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St. Louis Park, MN 55416










## Landowner postcard





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**Unable to attend?**  
Here are additional engagement opportunities



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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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**PROJECT STUDY AREA AND OPEN HOUSE LOCATIONS**



### 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 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), 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)

### 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.

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6 Wednesday, November 5	4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Generations Events Center, 105 E. 1st St., Luverne, MN 56155
7 Thursday, November 6	10 a.m. – 12 p.m. 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Heron Lake Community Center, 312 10th St., Heron Lake, MN 56137

#### Week 2

Date	Time	Location
1 Monday, November 10	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Windom Community Center, 1150 Cottonwood Lake Dr., Windom, MN 56091
2 Monday, November 10	4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Knights of Columbus, 320 10th St. N, Fairmont, Minnesota 56021
3 Tuesday, November 11	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Nasevic Event Center, 700 Business Park Dr., Wells, MN 56097
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5 Wednesday, November 12	10 a.m. – 12 p.m. 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Events by Sakov, 401 8th St. SE, Kasson, MN 56144
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8 Friday, November 14	9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Grand 12 Event Center, 37067 14th Ave., Cannon Falls, MN 56009



## 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](https://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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## Paid newspaper ad overview table

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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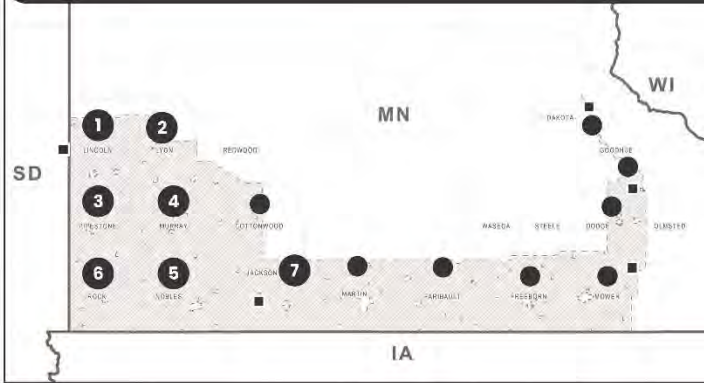
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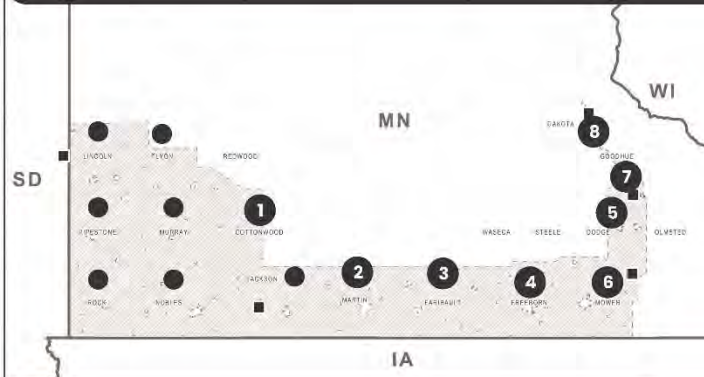
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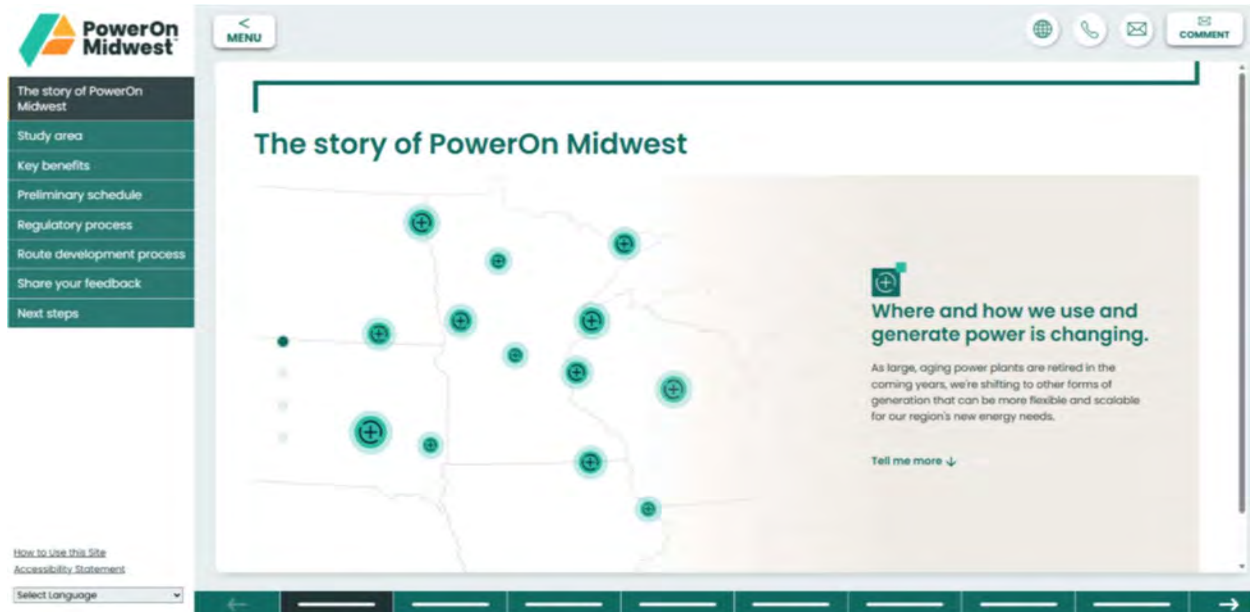
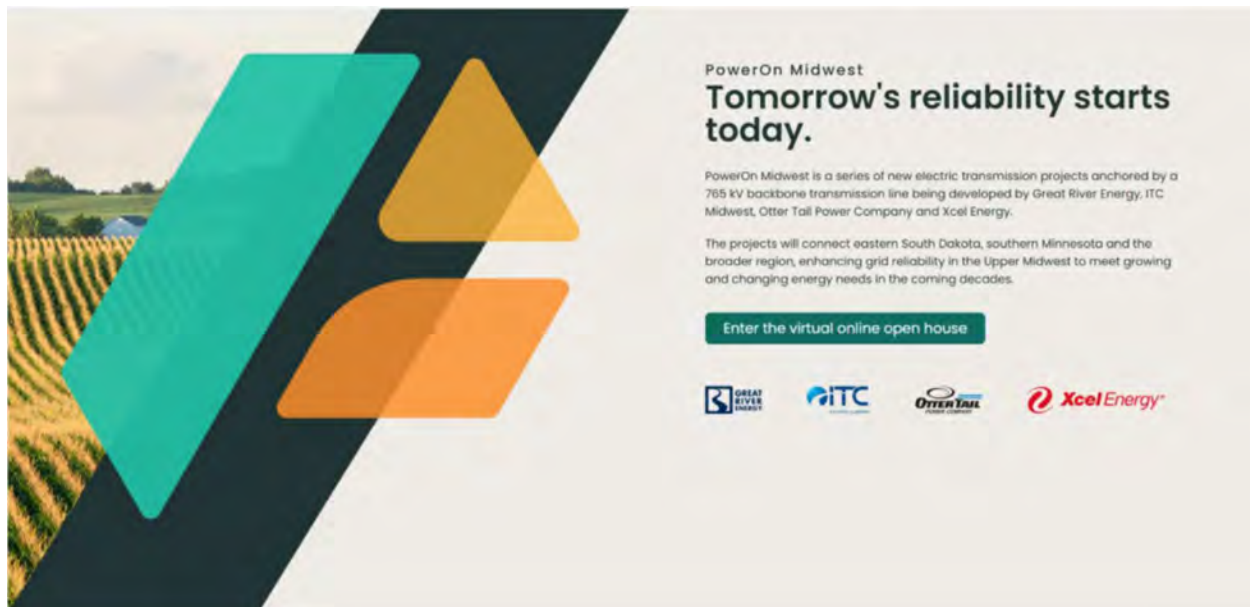
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# Open house materials

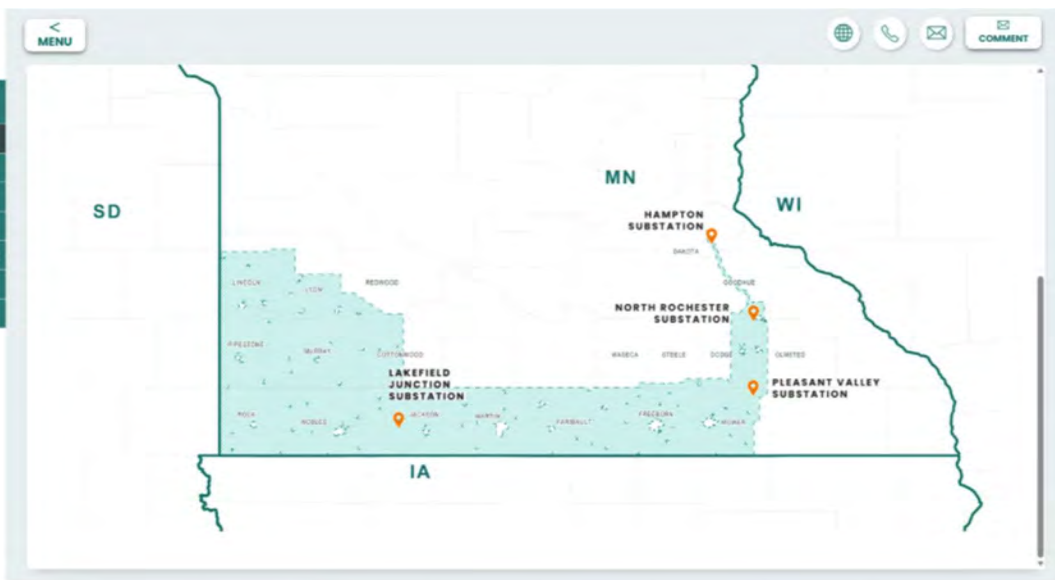
## Virtual open house screen shots













## Key benefits




### 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.



### 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.

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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**















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  - Ongoing easement acquisition
  - Pre-construction activities
  - Construction
  - Restoration
- **2032-2034**
  - Anticipated in-service

\*Individual segment in-service dates may vary






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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 governments prior to the start of the hearings. Anyone can present comments and express opinions concerning the utilities' 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**

**+ Certificate of Need**

**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.

Application filing and completeness review

MPUC Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) scoping public meetings

Draft EIS

MPUC public hearings

Final EIS


MPUC Route Permit decision

**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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## MPUC Process

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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## Route Development Process

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 identify potential route options, and a robust regulatory review.

### 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

⬇️ MDHC will issue final determination on route.








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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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MPUC will issue a final determination on the route.

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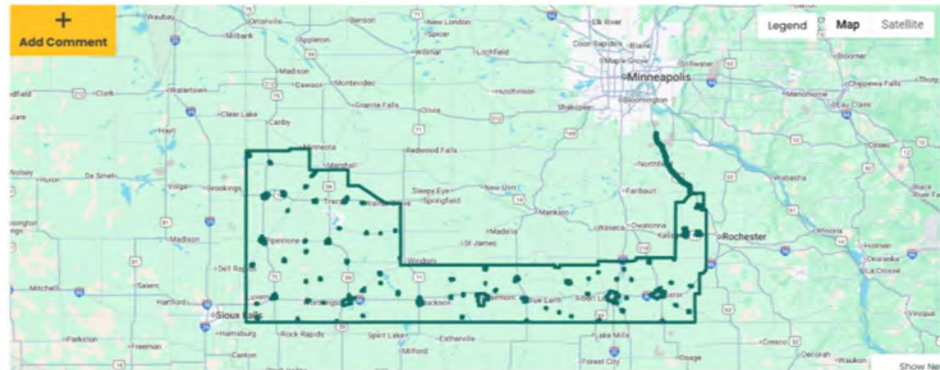








## Share your feedback


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.


















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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.

<b>Lake Benton, MN</b> Monday, Nov 3   10am - 12pm Lakes Benton Area Community & Event Center 114 Center St S Lake Benton, MN 56149	<b>Marshall, MN</b> Monday, Nov 3   4pm - 6pm Five Family Ranch 2712 County Road 6 Marshall, MN 56258	<b>Pipestone, MN</b> Tuesday, Nov 4   10am - 12pm Hiawatha Lodge 201 4th St NW Pipestone, MN 56164
<b>Fulda, MN</b> Tuesday, Nov 4   4pm - 6pm American Legion 106 W Front St Fulda, MN 56131	<b>Worthington, MN</b> Wednesday, Nov 5   10am - 12pm Worthington Event Center 1447 Prairie Drive Worthington, MN 56187	<b>Luverne, MN</b> Wednesday, Nov 5   4pm - 6pm Generations Events Center 105 S. Estey Street Luverne, MN 56155
<b>Heron Lake, MN</b> Thursday, Nov 6 10 am - 12 pm	<b>Windom, MN</b> Monday, Nov 10   10am - 12pm	<b>Fairmont, MN</b> Monday, Nov 10   4pm - 6pm

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Heron Lake Community Center  
312 10th St  
Heron Lake, MN 56137

Naseic Event Center  
789 Business Park Dr  
Wells, MN 56097

Hormel Nature Center  
1304 21st St. NE  
Austin, MN 55912

Windom Community Center  
1750 Cottonwood Lake Dr  
Windom, MN 56101-1251

WedgeWood Cove  
2200 W 9th St  
Albert Lea, MN 56007

Zumbrota VFW  
21 E 1st St  
Zumbrota, MN 55992

Knights of Columbus  
920 East 10th Street  
Fairmont, Minnesota 56031

Events Sports Bar and Grill  
401 8th St SE  
Kasson, MN 55944

Grand 02 Event Center  
32057 64th Ave.  
Cannon Falls, MN 55009

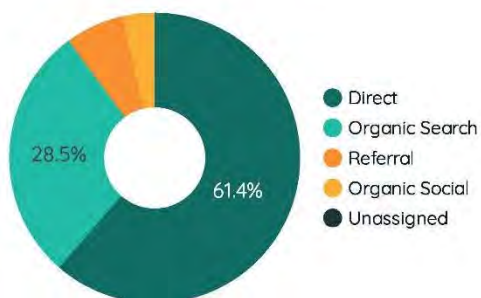




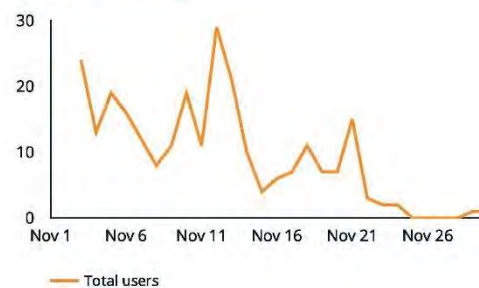
## Virtual open house analytics



### Sessions by Acquisition Type



### Users per Day



### Referrals & Social Media Sources

Session source	Engaged sessions
1. statics.teams.cdn.offic...	12
2. l.facebook.com	5
3. greatriverenergy.com	3
4. lm.facebook.com	3
5. crm.zoho.com	1
6. deltayp.com	1
7. link.edgepilot.com	1

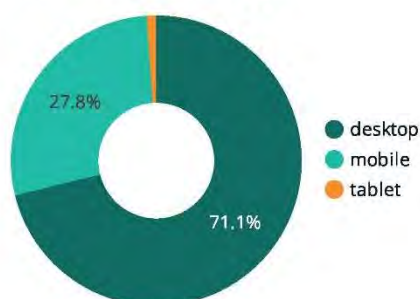
### Sessions by Regional Cities (MN, SD, ND, IA, WI)

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





## Open house banners

**PowerOn Midwest™**

**Tomorrow's reliability starts today.**

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

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**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.

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**ITC Midwest**  
ITC Midwest is an electric transmission company that owns, operates, and maintains more than 6,600 circuit miles of transmission lines across Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

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**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.

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**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 133,900 customers in 422 communities across 70,000 square miles of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

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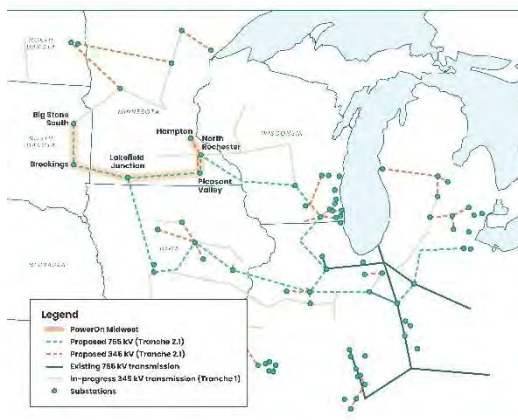


## Upgrading our regional energy grid

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

This increase, combined with the changing ways 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:



## 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.



### Future-ready grid

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



### Customer and economic benefits

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### Access to new electric generation

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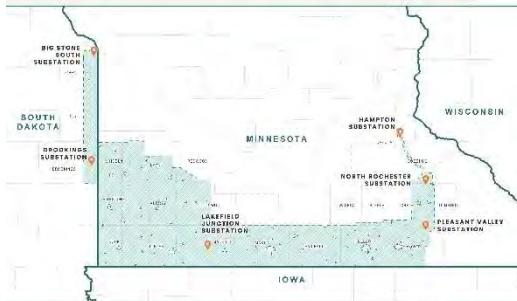


## Study area

### PowerOn Midwest segments include:

Big Stone South-Brookings County-  
Lakeland Junction 765 kV (MSO LUTP #22)  
Lakeland Junction-MN/IA border 765 kV  
(MSO LUTP #23)

Lakeland Junction-Pleasant Valley-  
North Rochester 765 kV (MSO LUTP #24)  
Pleasant Valley-North Rochester-  
Hampton 345 kV (MSO LUTP #25)

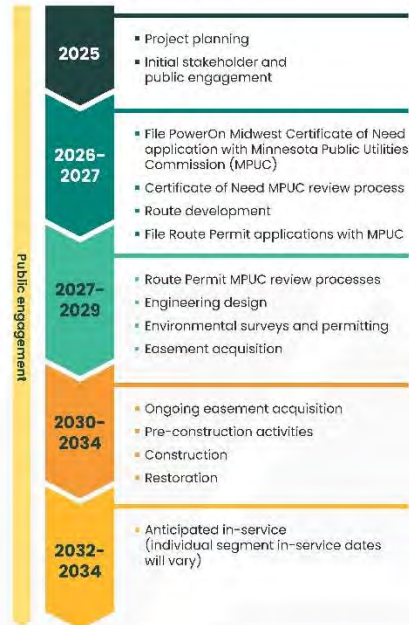


This map shows the area that will be studied during future routing discussions.

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

PowerOn Midwest is in the early stages of project development. The utility is also preparing the routing process and filing route permit applications with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission following the Certificate of Need filing.

## Preliminary schedule





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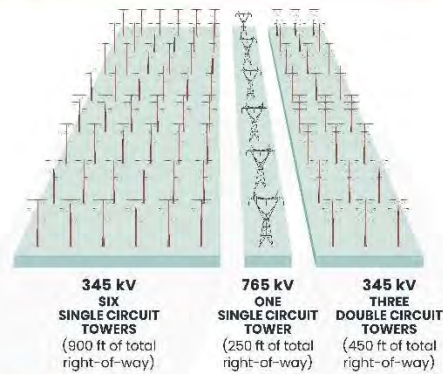


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## 765 kV technology

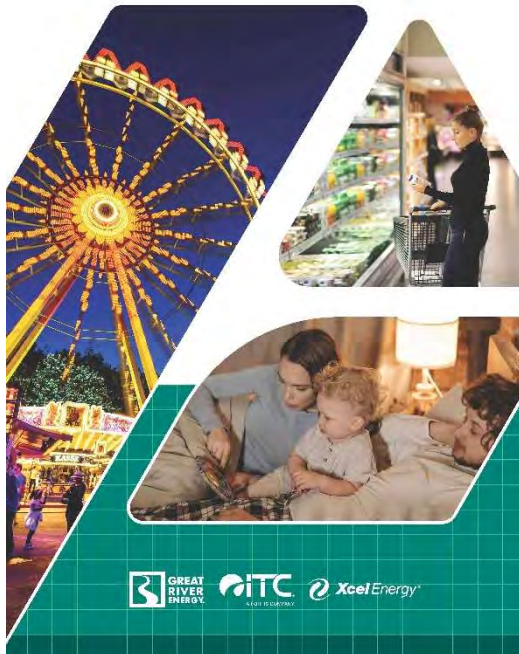
765 kilovolt (kV) technology was identified in the planning process as the preferred solution for the region, presenting several advantages:

- 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              | ▪ Forests                 | ▪ Railroads*           |
| ▪ Airports (public)                   | ▪ Hospitals               | ▪ Recreation           |
| ▪ Cemeteries                          | ▪ Levees/dams             | ▪ Religious facilities |
| ▪ Communication towers                | ▪ Mines/quarries          | ▪ Residences           |
| ▪ Conservation areas/nature preserves | ▪ Pipelines*              | ▪ Scenic byways        |
| ▪ Contaminated areas                  | ▪ Planned development     | ▪ Schools/daycares     |
| ▪ Cultural/historic resources         | ▪ Protected federal lands | ▪ Sensitive species    |
|                                       | ▪ Protected state lands   | ▪ 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
- Sensitivities
- Public input
- Project endpoints
- Engineering and construction considerations



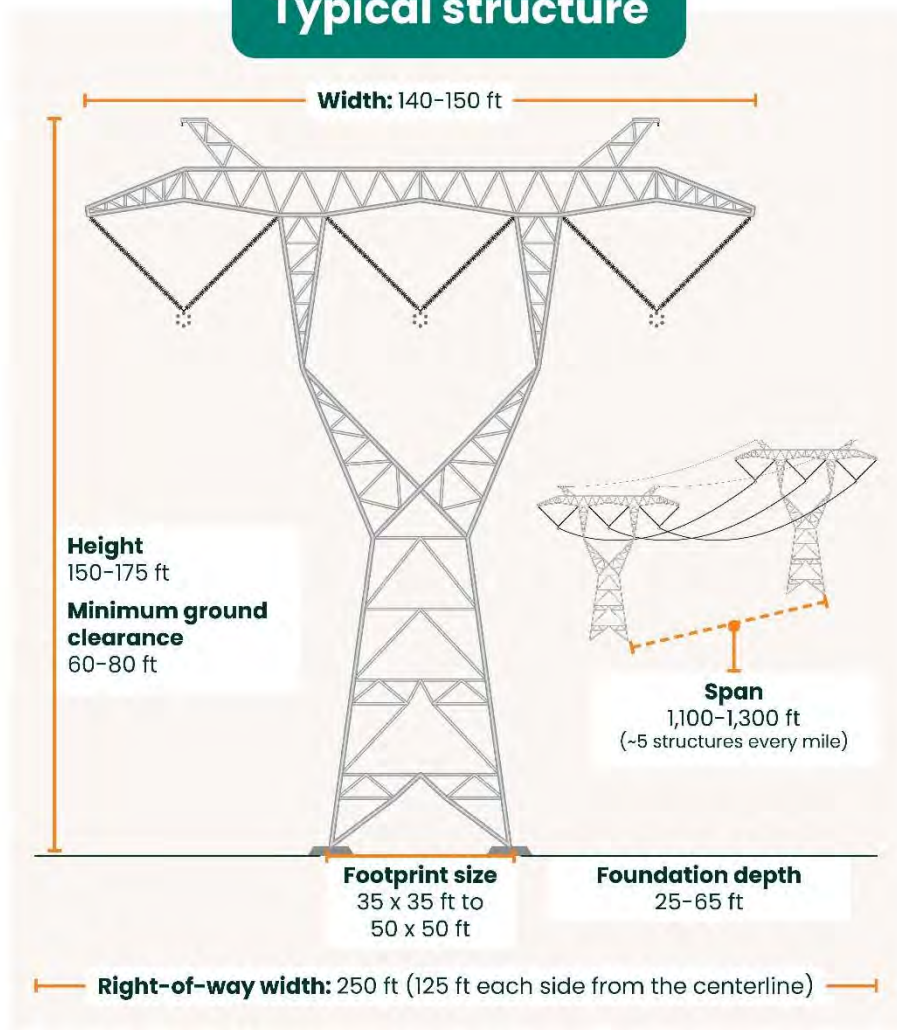
### Engagement opportunity

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



# 765 kV structure

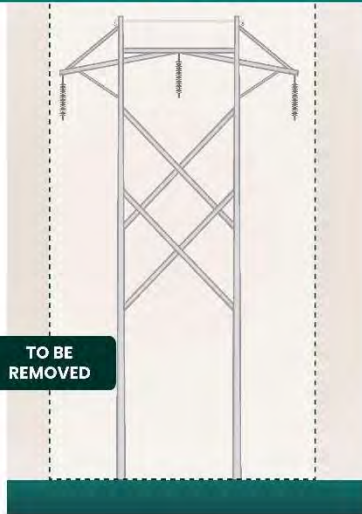
## Typical structure



# 345 kV structures

Pleasant Valley to North Rochester segment only

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



**HEIGHT**  
70-110 ft

**WIDTH**  
54 ft

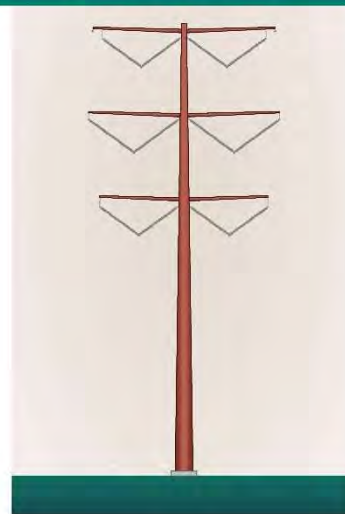
**SPAN**  
400-1,000 ft

**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.



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. If unable to agree, state law provides for an eminent domain process.



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

### 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.*

[Connect@PowerOnMidwest.com](mailto:Connect@PowerOnMidwest.com)





## Factsheets

### Transmission lines construction

Most existing land uses can continue while still maintaining an obstruction-free right-of-way during construction. These 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 tiles. 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 untapped 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 500,000 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 enabling cost-effective, reliable generation and doing so in a way that can coexist with the Midwest agricultural landscape.



Across the Midwest, agriculture and energy infrastructure have shared the landscape for decades. PowerOn Midwest is being developed in a way that recognizes the agricultural way of life.

### Transmission lines and animals

We will work with landowners during construction to minimize impacts to livestock. We will coordinate any needed temporary relocations with temporary fencing or gating, and other measures as needed, making sure the livestock have access to feed and water supplies throughout construction. After construction, the construction areas are restored, and livestock uses can return to normal. Decades of scientific research have shown that exposure to transmission lines is not a demonstrated cause of adverse effects on livestock.

### Transmission lines and crops

During construction of the transmission line there may be temporary restrictions on some agricultural activities. Once construction is complete, agricultural activities can resume. The PowerOn Midwest team will communicate with landowners in advance of all pre-construction and construction activities. We will strive to coordinate construction activities with farming and livestock operations to minimize inconveniences. Landowners will be compensated for any crop damage.

### Locating transmission line structures on cultivated land and pastureland

PowerOn Midwest will coordinate with landowners early in the planning process to identify and address potential impacts to cultivated land and pastureland before construction begins. When needed, transmission structures may be placed on cultivated or pastureland. In such cases, we will strive to position structures to minimize disruption to farming operations.



### 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 around 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 perform new transmission infrastructure similar to how they work with existing infrastructure today. Some adjustments to aerial applicator flights may be necessary based on the line's orientation along fields.



## 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. § 216I.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— 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




## 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.



### Certificate of Need

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



#### 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.



#### 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.



#### ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT SCOPING PUBLIC MEETINGS

The MPUC prepares an Environmental Report 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.



#### 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 report.



#### ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

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



#### 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 utilities' proposal or alternatives and the Environmental Report. The Administrative Law Judge provides a report that summarizes the hearing record, including public comments, and makes recommendations to the MPUC.



#### MPUC CON DECISION

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



## 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.

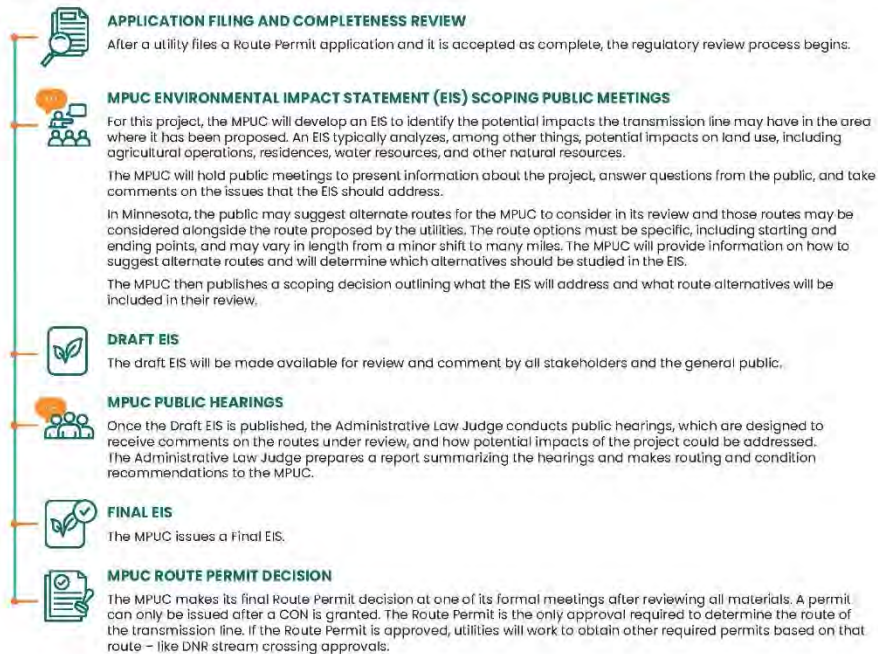
### PRE-APPLICATION ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PHASE

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)


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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
- Property lines
- Roads



### Sensitivities

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

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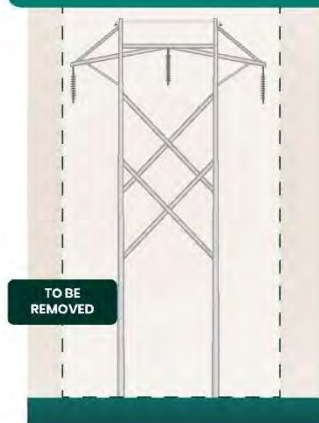


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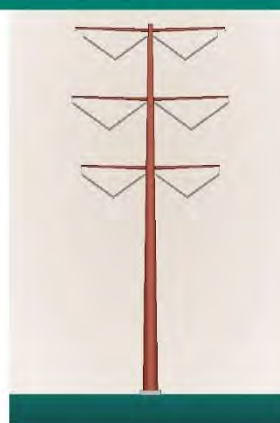
Transmission structures play a vital role in the delivery of electricity. They support the components that are used to transport electricity. PowerOn Midwest is working with landowners and the community to power our region today and into the future.

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



HEIGHT
70-110 ft
WIDTH
54 ft
SPAN
400-1,000 ft
MINIMUM GROUND CLEARANCE
26-38 ft
FOUNDATION DEPTH
Varies
RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH
80 ft

**Preliminary typical structure (double circuit)**

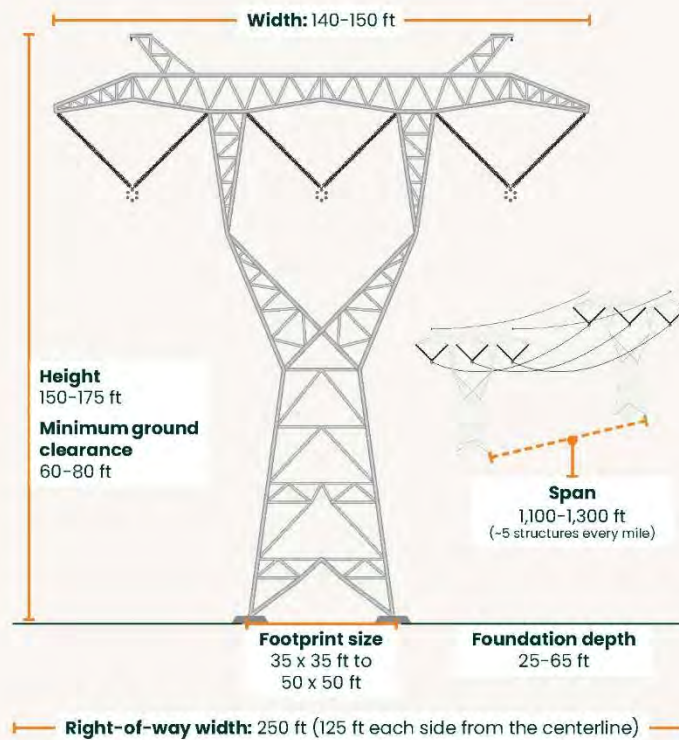


HEIGHT
90-160 ft
WIDTH
14-50 ft
SPAN
800-1,200 ft
MINIMUM GROUND CLEARANCE
26-38 ft
FOUNDATION DEPTH
30-40 ft
RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH
150 ft

## 765 kV structure

Transmission structures play a vital role in the delivery of electricity. They support the components that are used to transport electricity. PowerOn Midwest is working with landowners and the community to power our region today and into the future.

### 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:



**Efficiently carries power over long distances**



**Fewer transmission lines needed to carry the same amount of power**



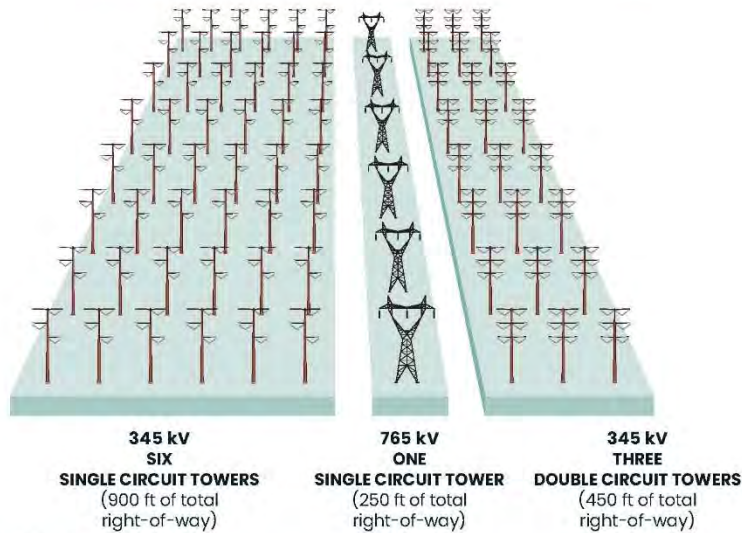
**Fewer structures reduce impact on land, communities, and the environment**



**Resilient infrastructure that can consistently deliver power**





**Provides backup power pathways**




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## The Basics: Electromagnetic Fields



PowerOn Midwest is working with landowners and the community to power our region today and into the future. As power sources evolve and electricity demand grows, PowerOn Midwest is needed to ensure reliable, low-cost electricity for customers.

### 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.

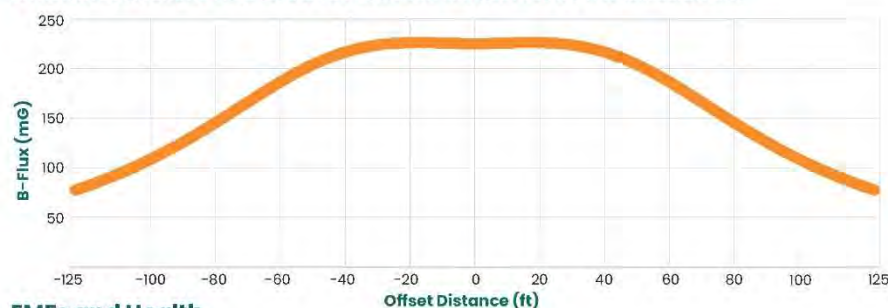
EMFs are created whenever electricity flows or an electrical force is present. These fields can occur naturally, such as in a person's brain, heart, and muscle. The level of magnetic fields, at 60 Hertz are also produced by everyday household items like space heaters, vacuums, kitchen appliances and 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 field levels 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



#### 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.

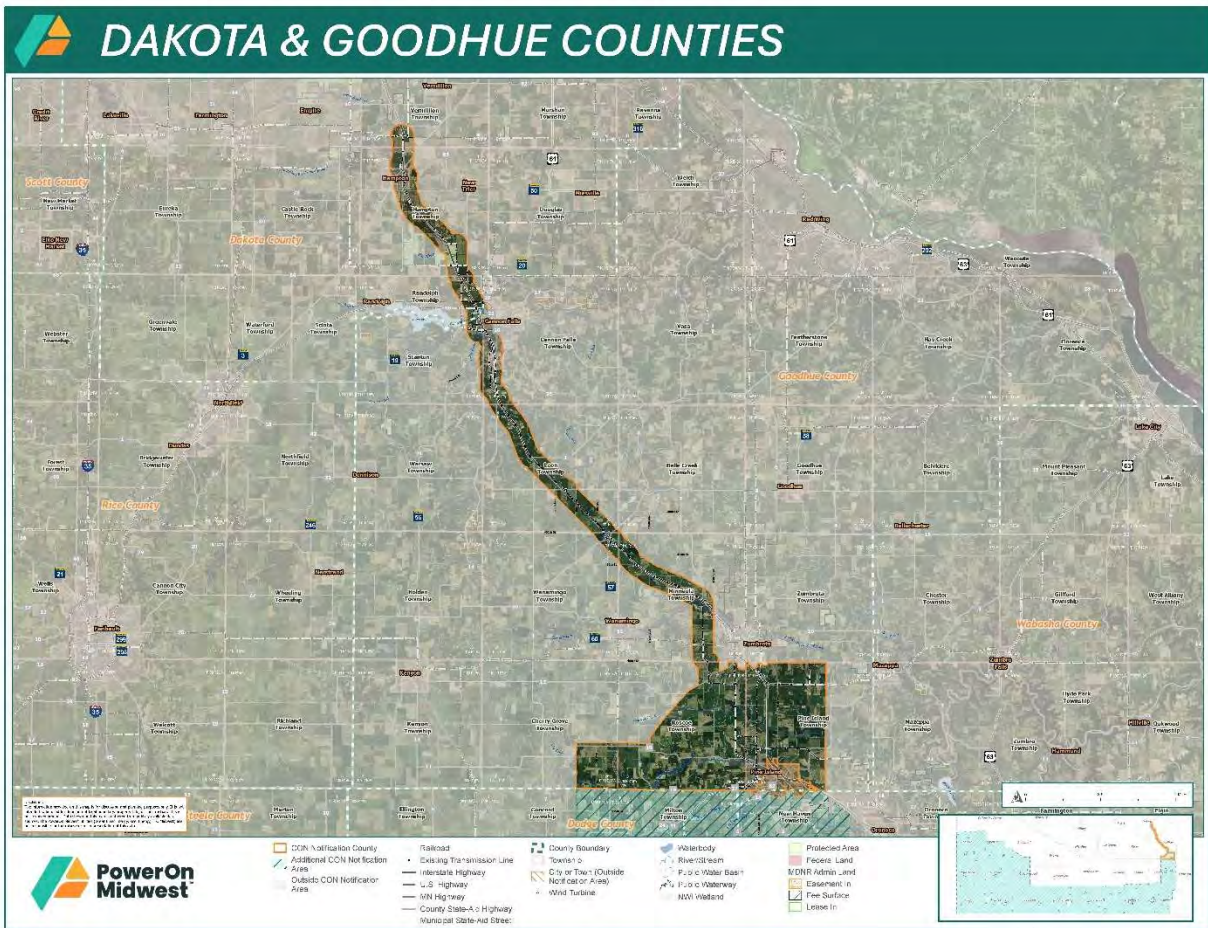
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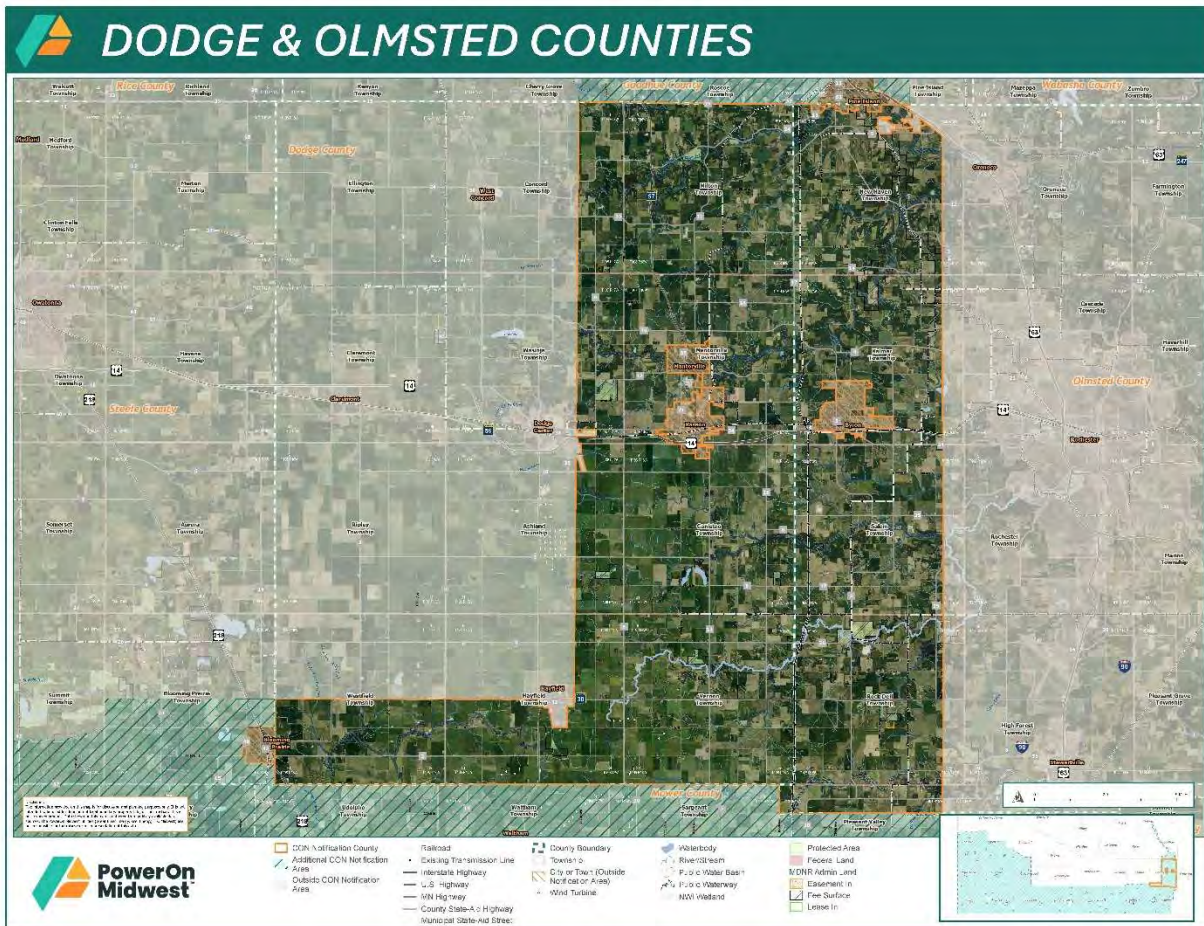


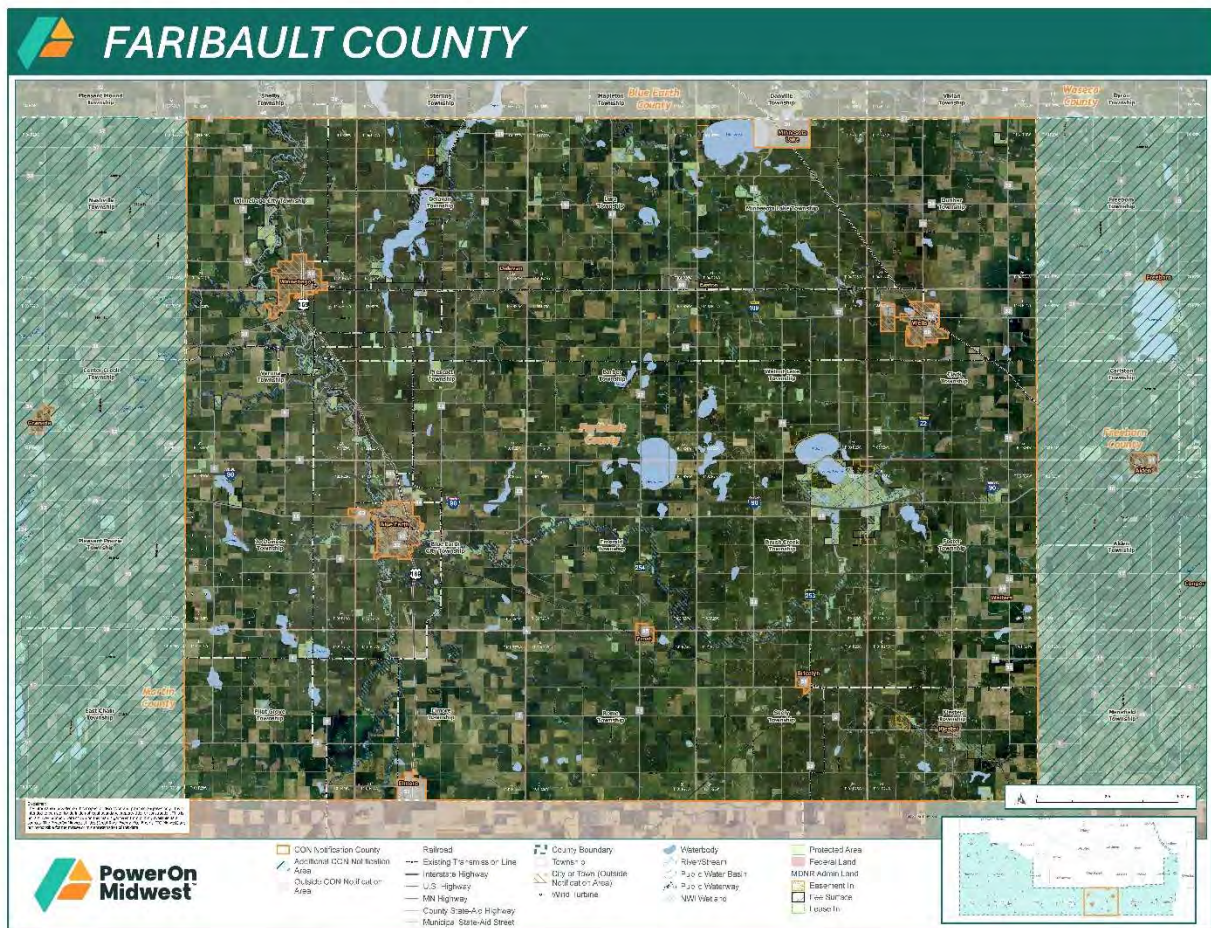
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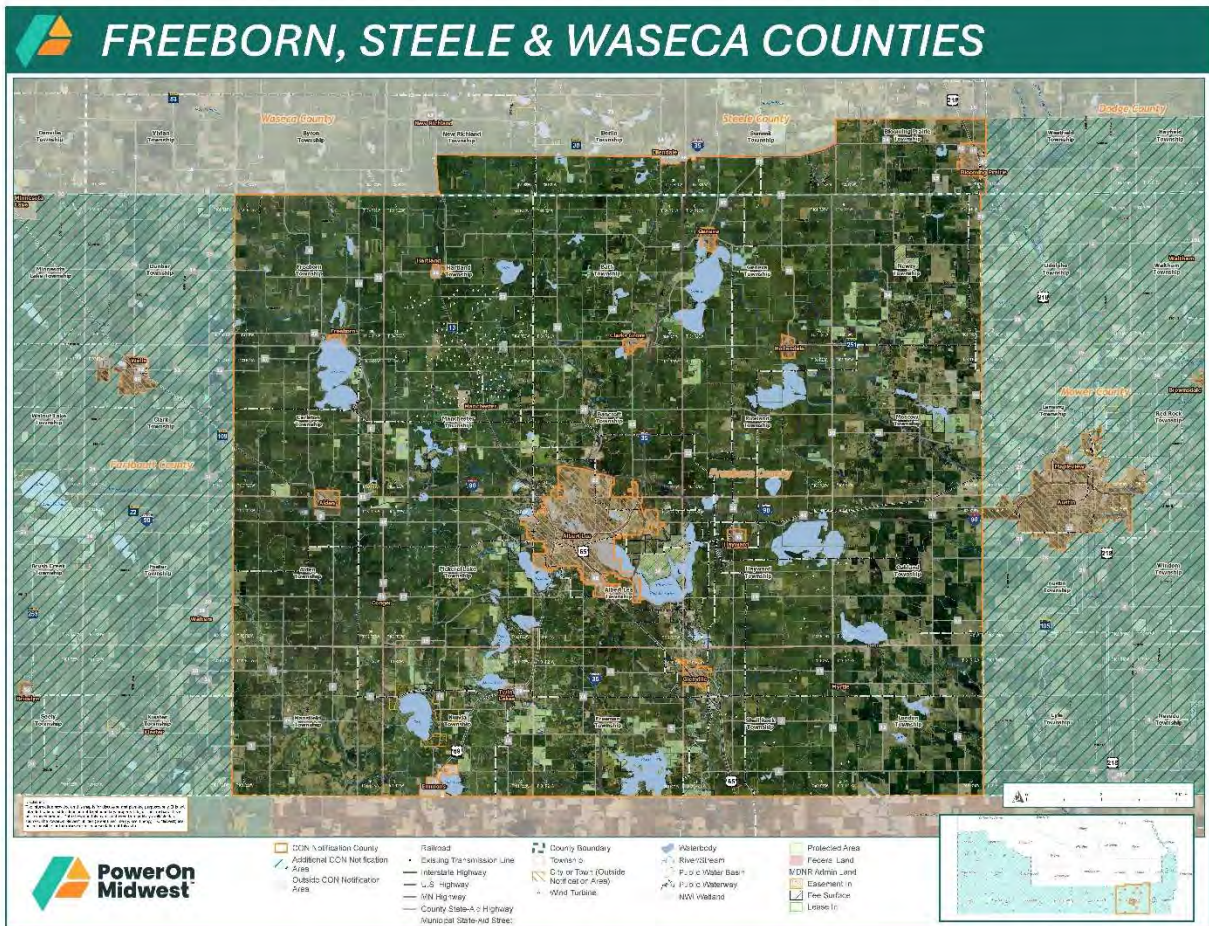








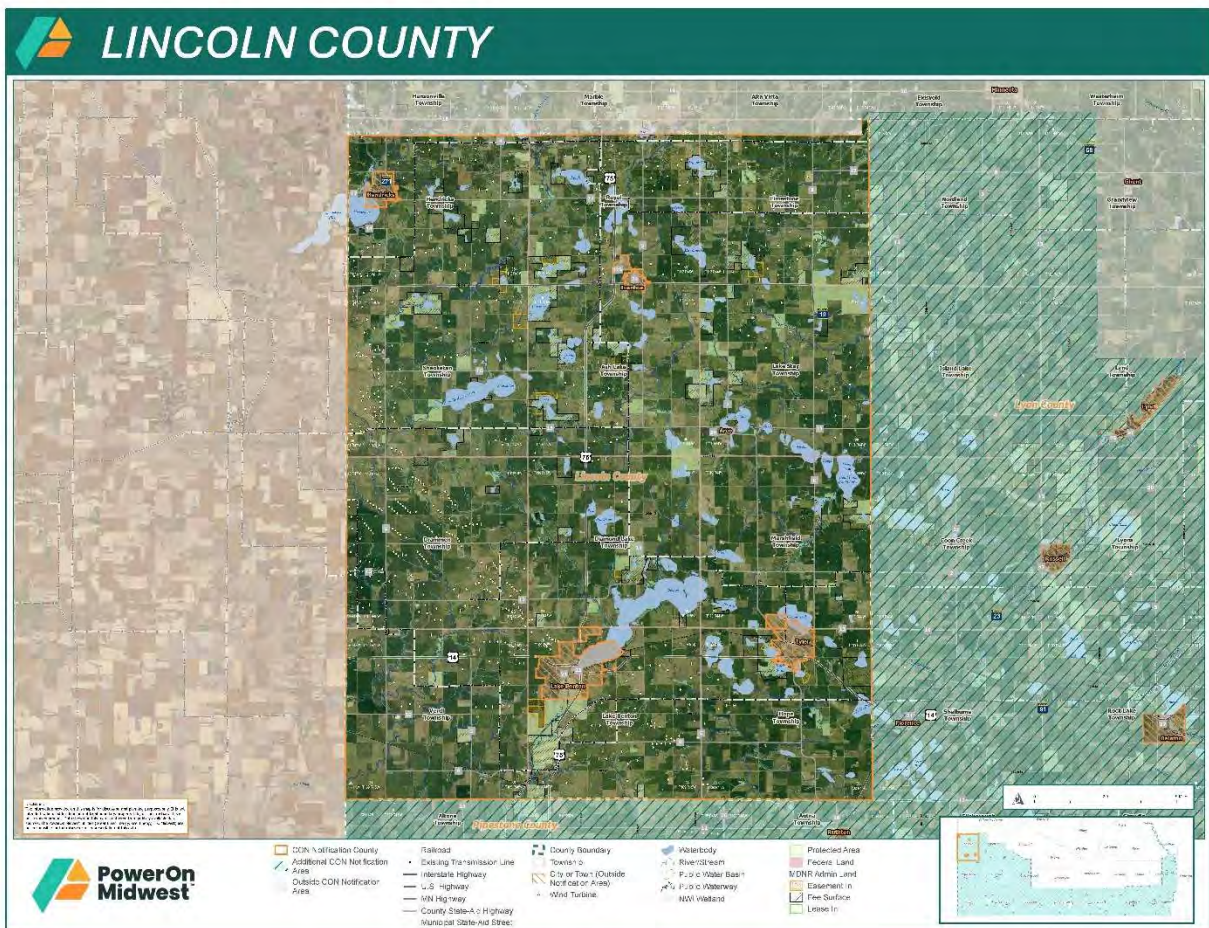




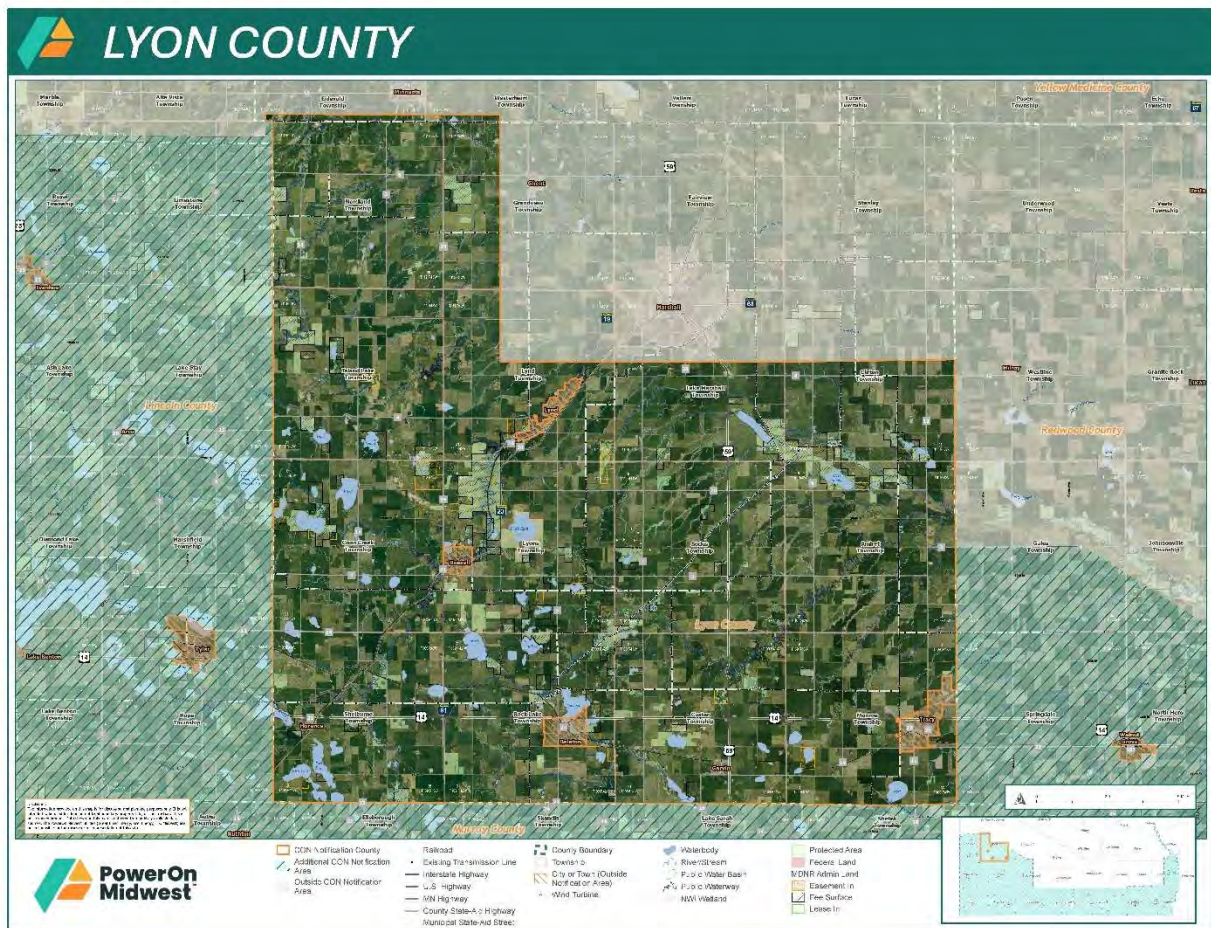




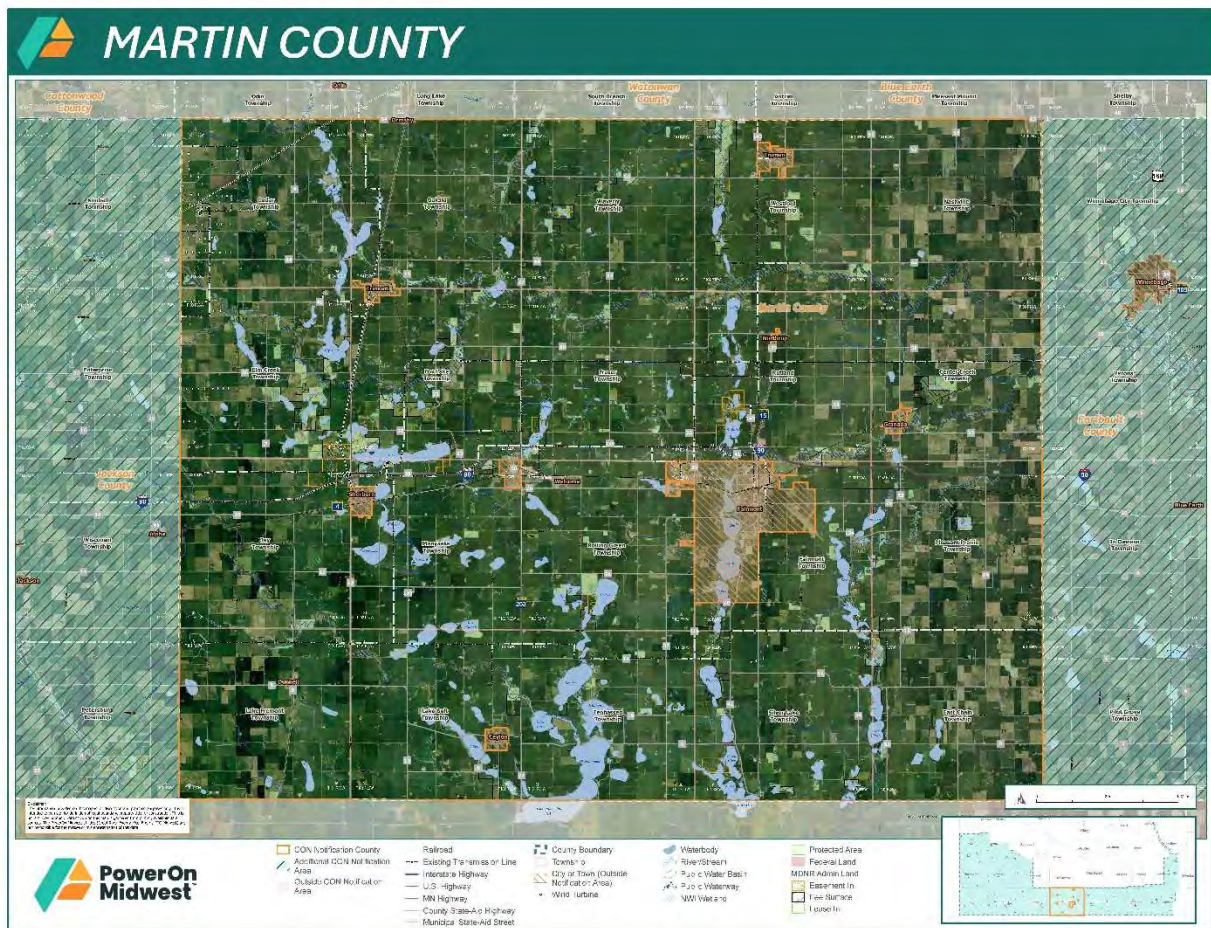




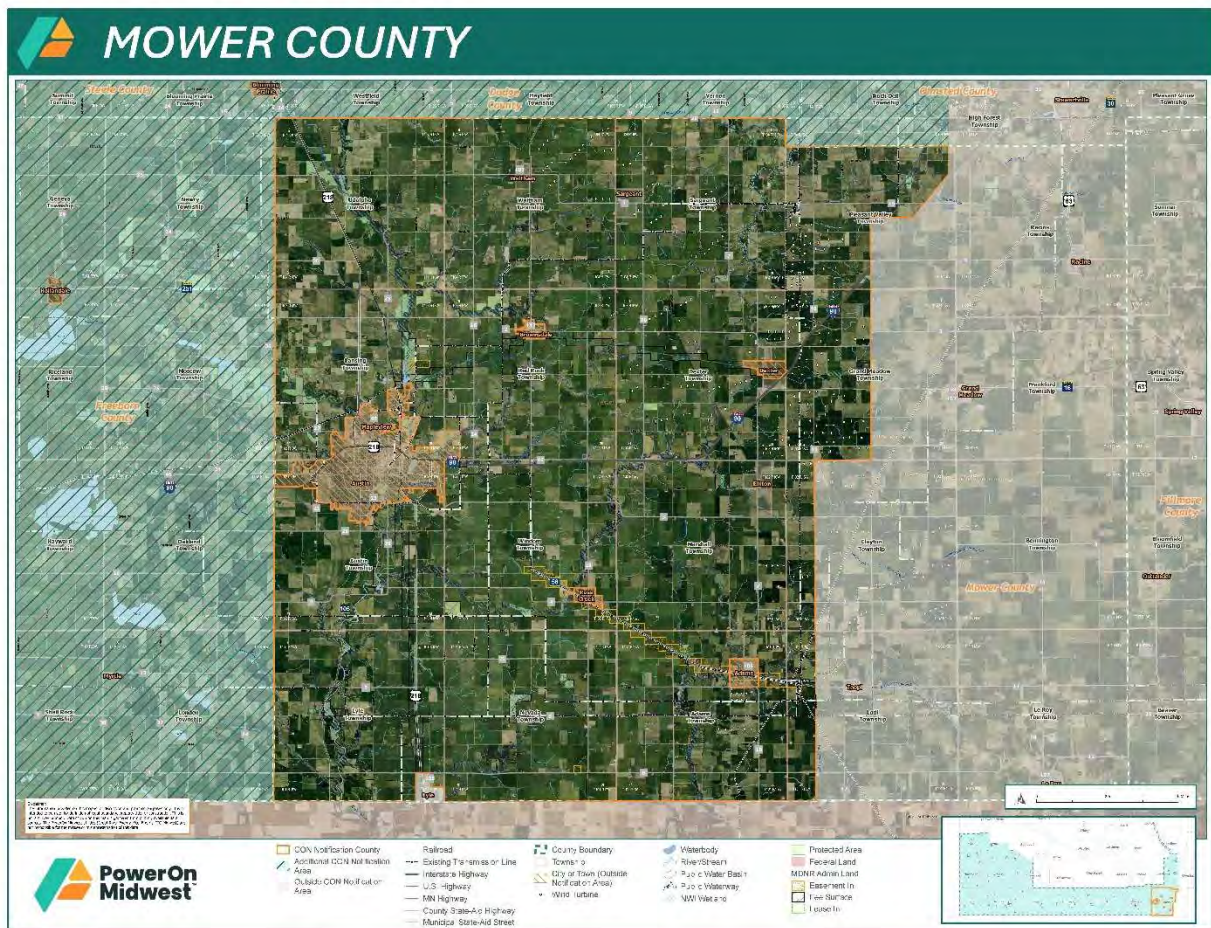




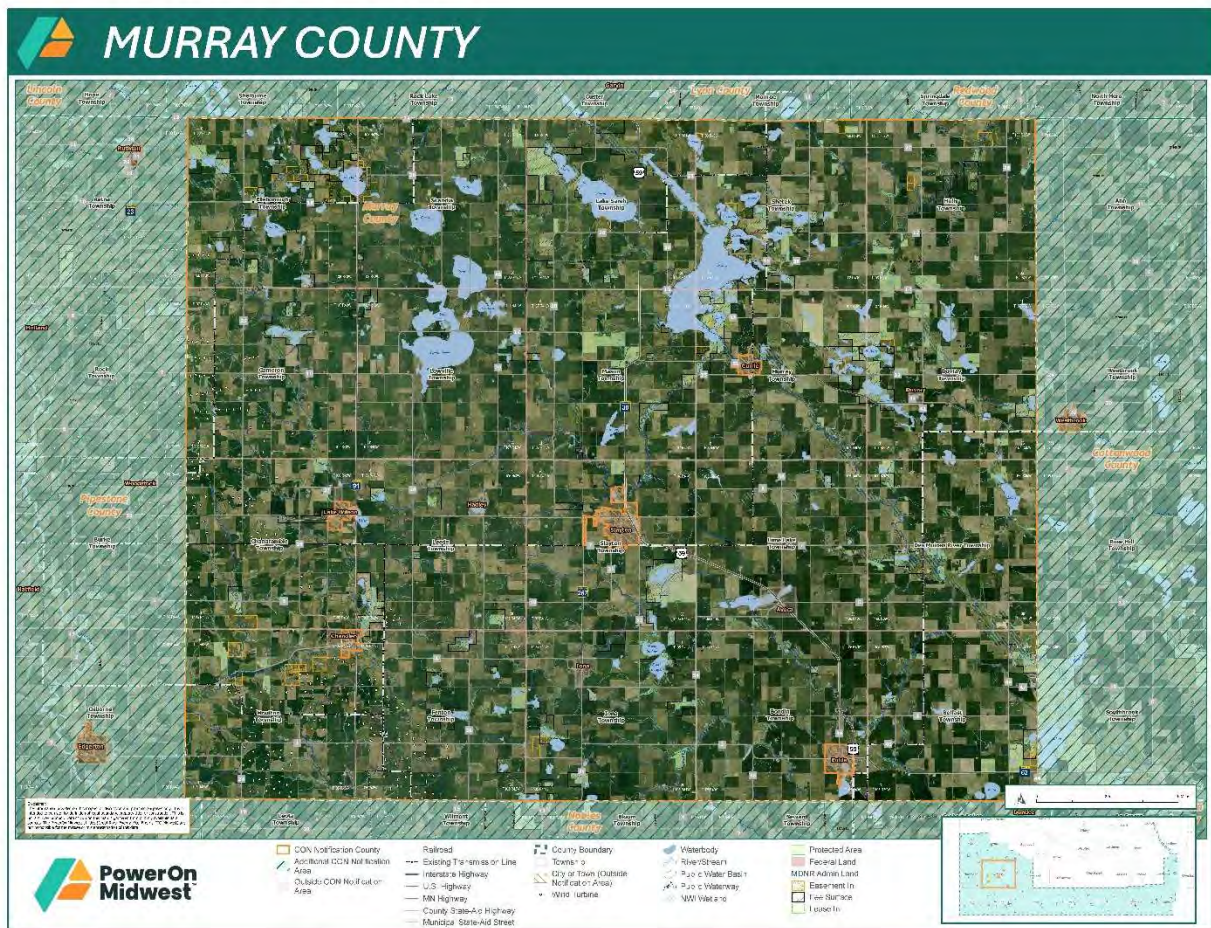




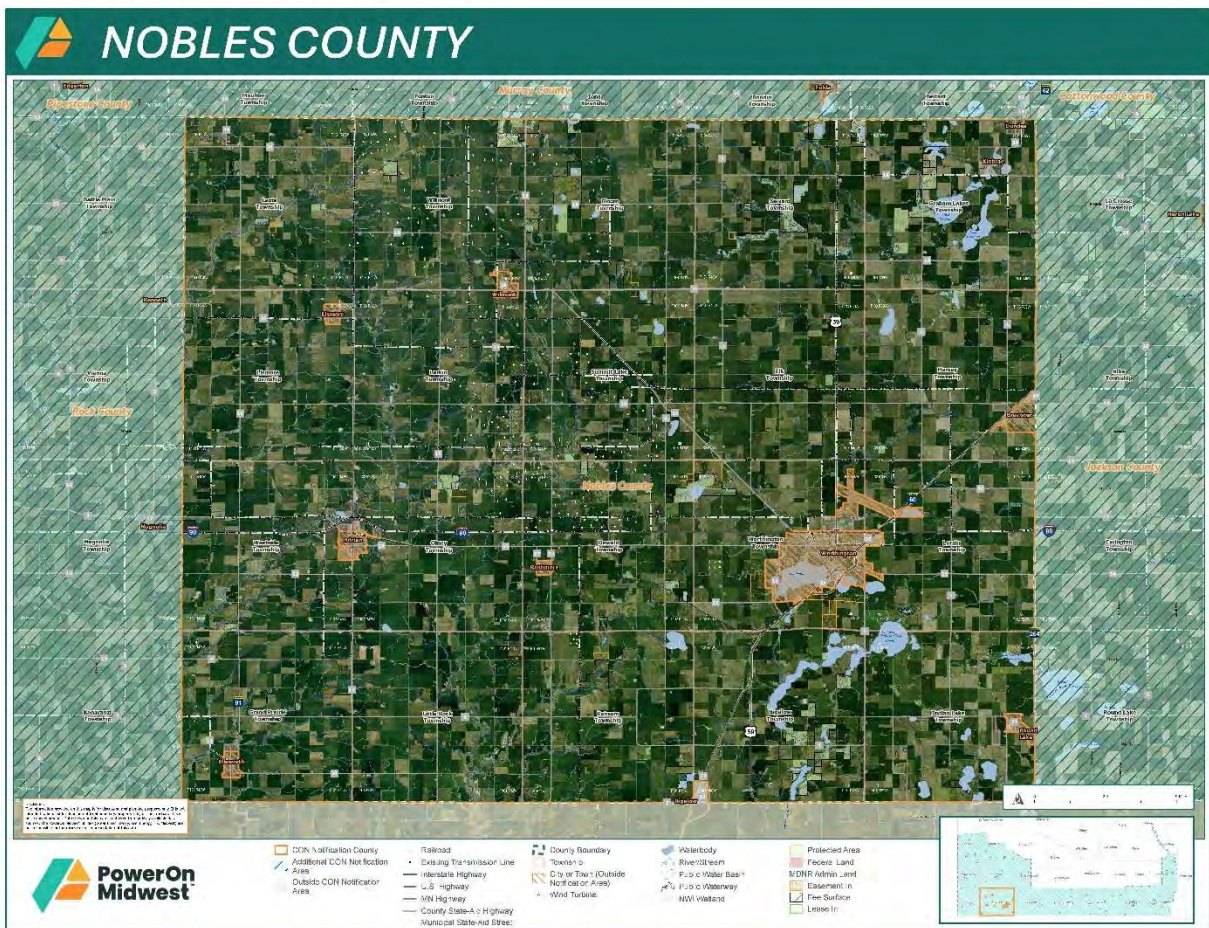




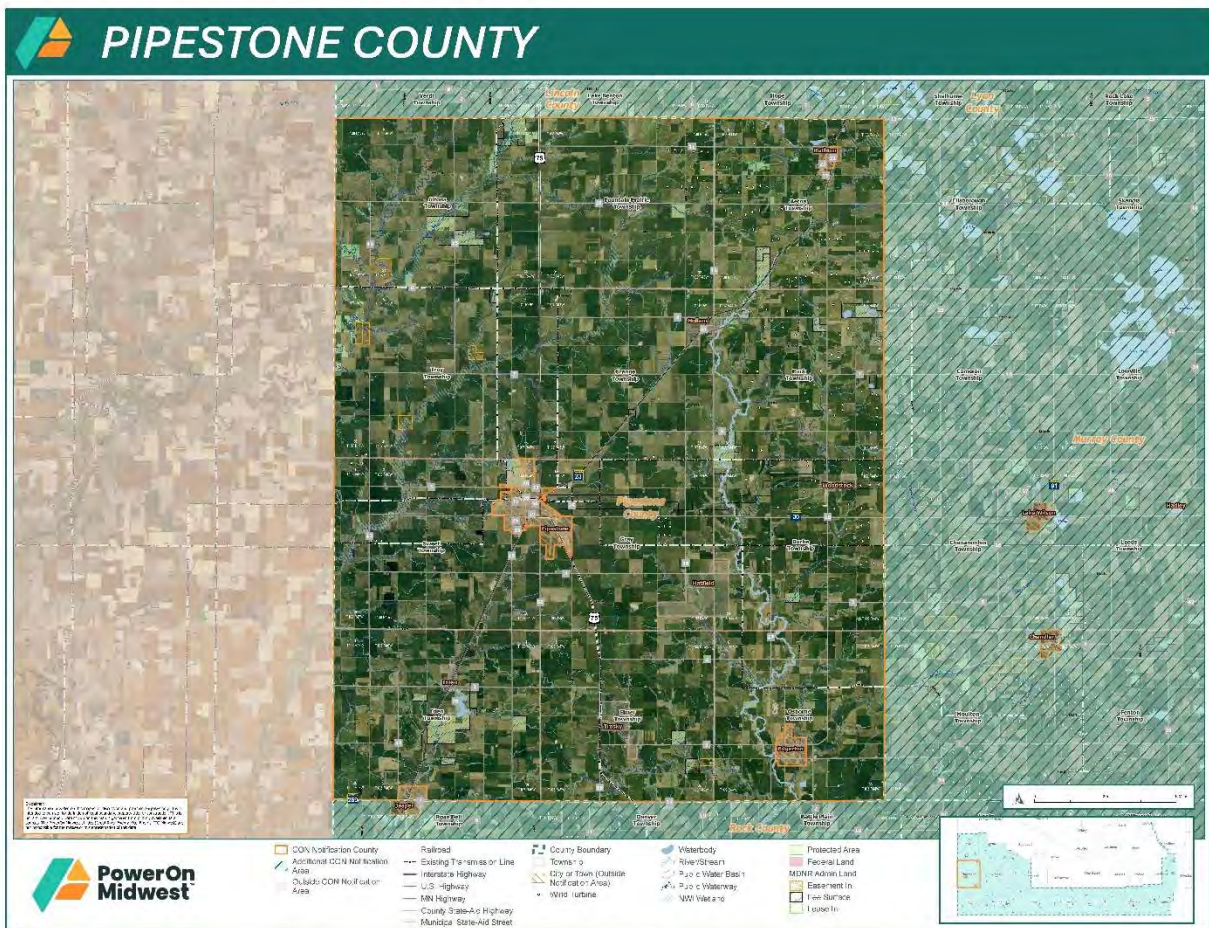


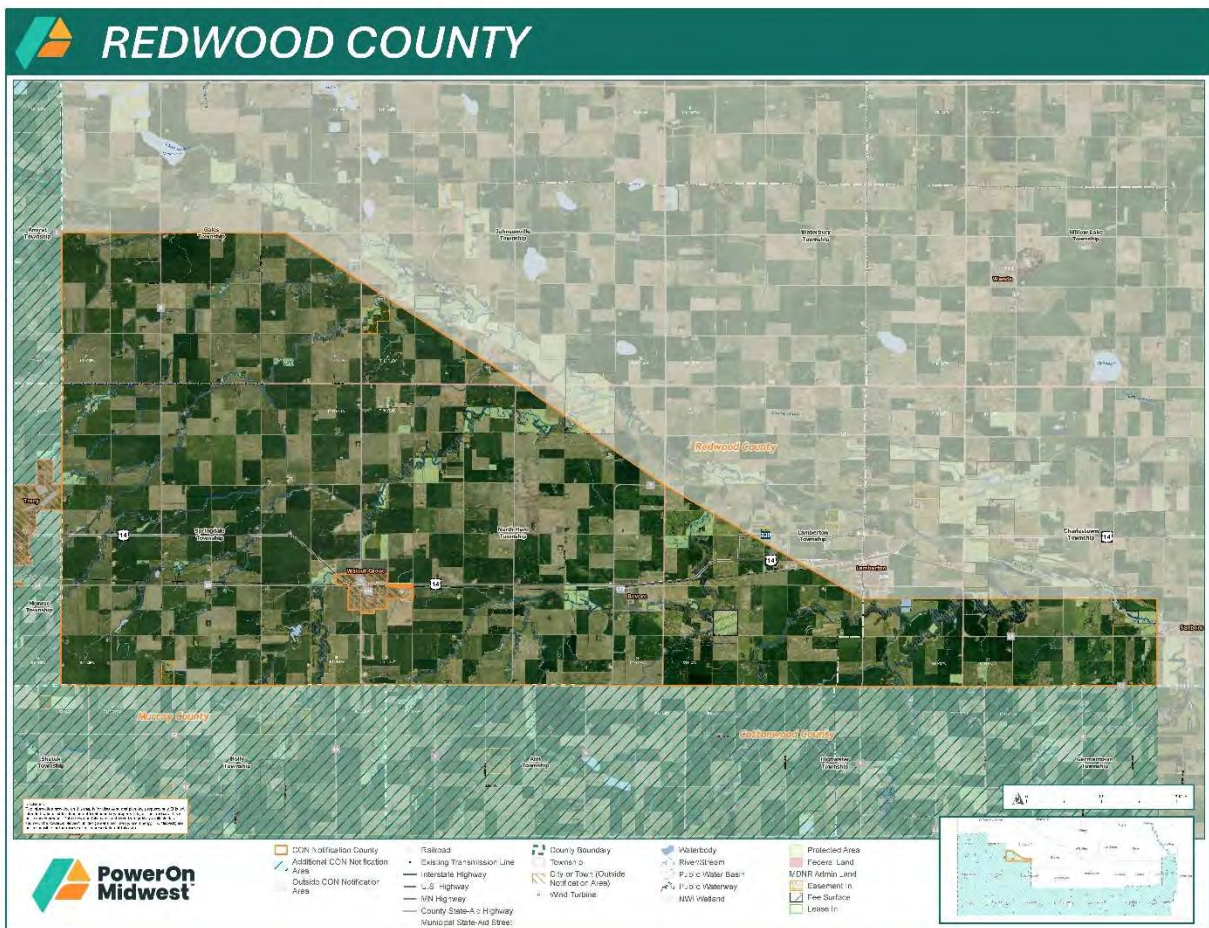




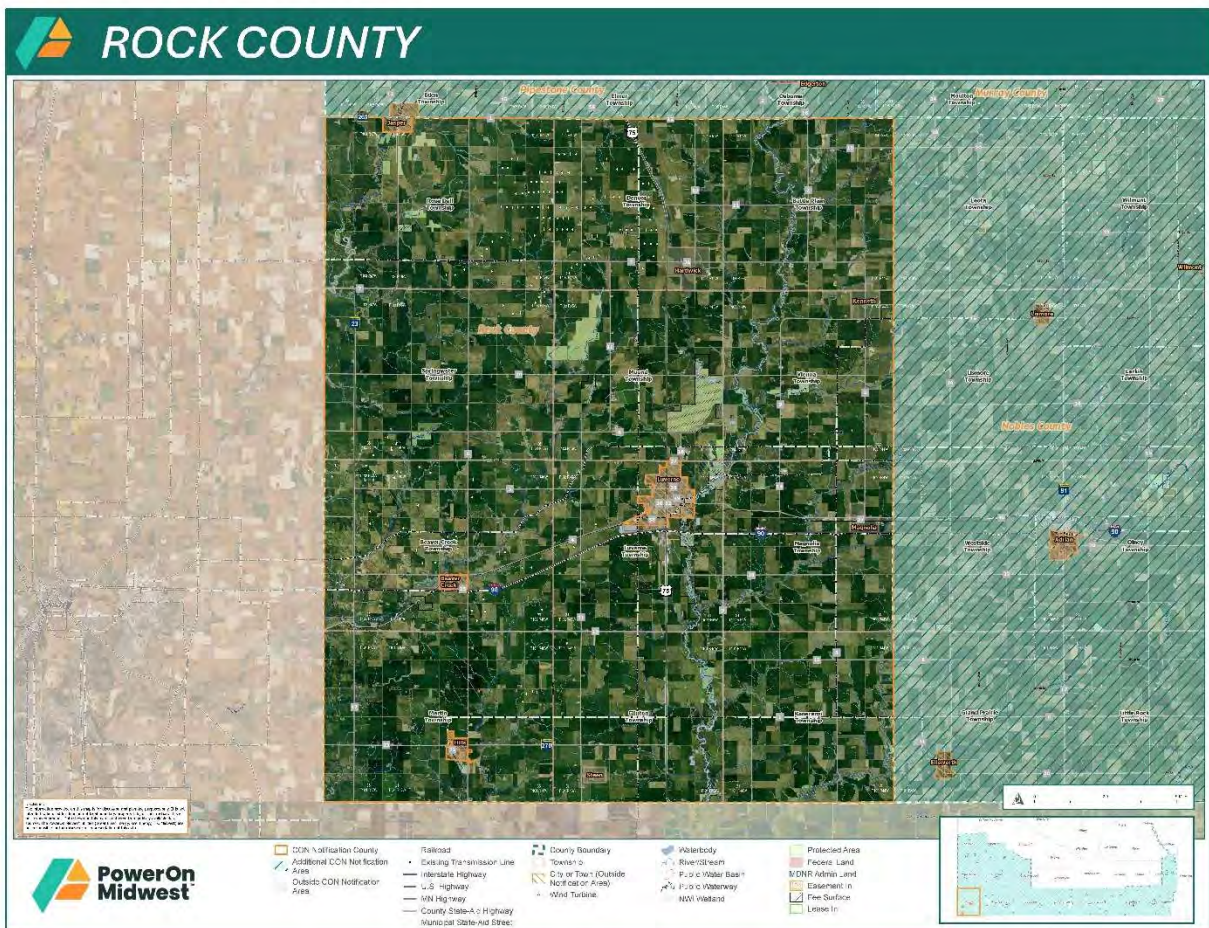










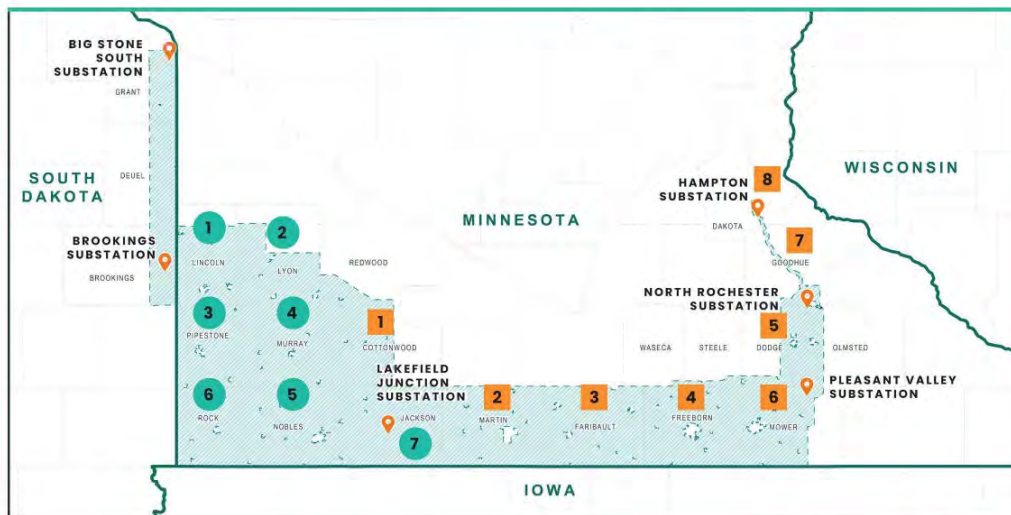




## GIS mapping station materials

### Open house map station

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#### Legend

- Outside CON Notification Area
- Outside Notification Area
- Wind Turbine
- Existing Transmission Line
- Federal Land
- Public Water Basin
- Waterbody
- Public Waterway
- River/Stream
- NWI Wetland
- County Boundary
- Township
- PLSS Section
- Parcels
- DNR Admin Land
- Easement In
- Fee Surface
- Lease In
- Protected Area







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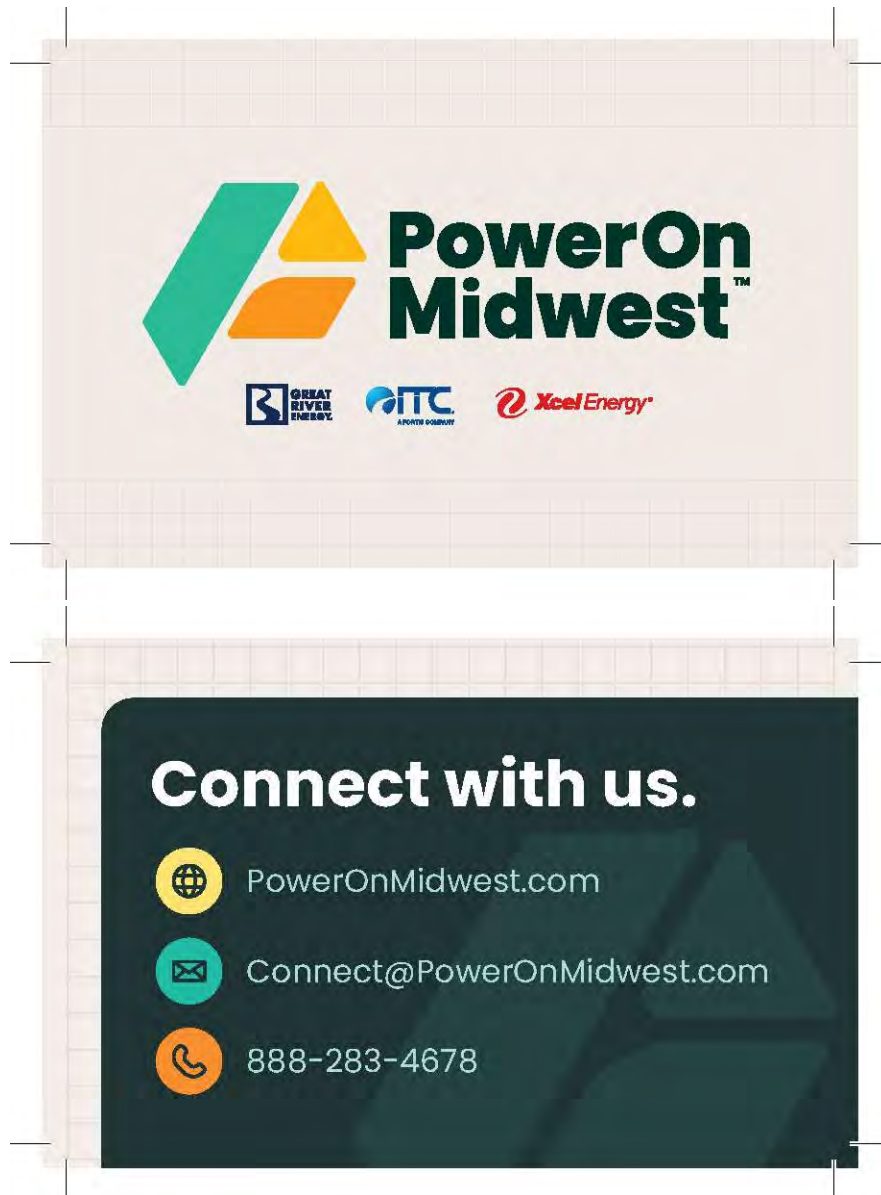
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# Tribal Engagement

## Tribal Energy Forum boards



**Continued electric  
reliability**



**Customer and  
economic benefits**

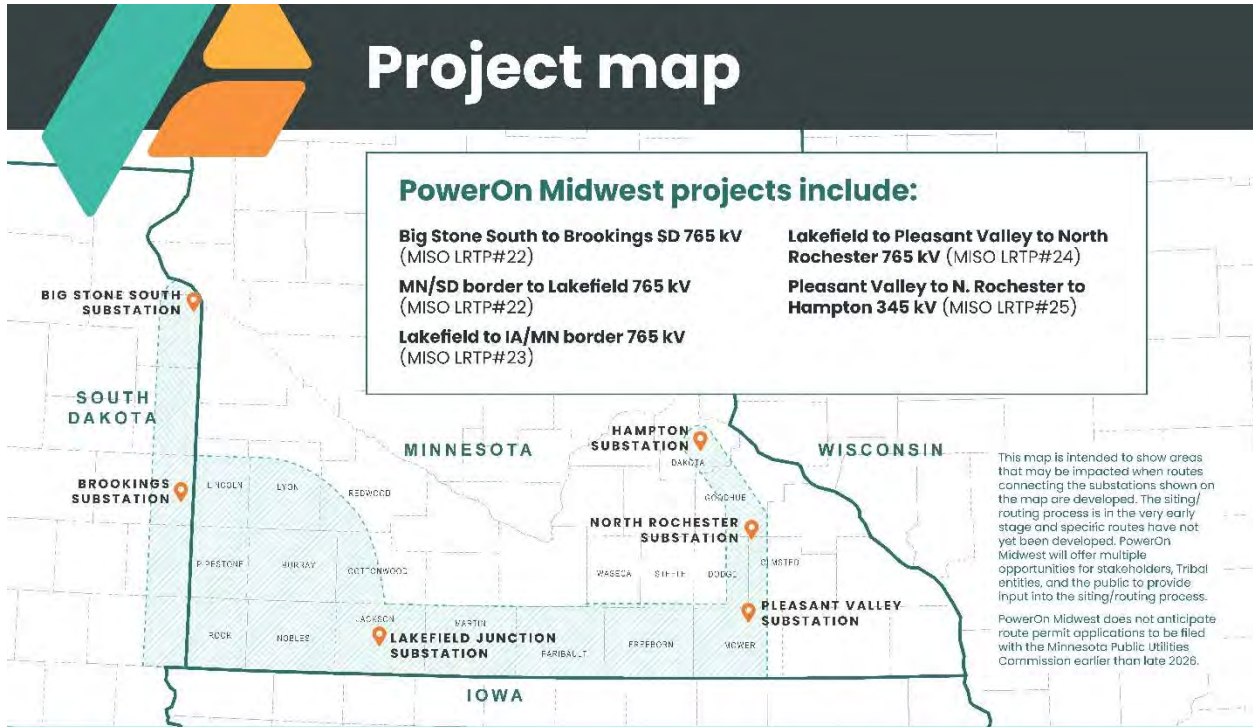


**Prepares the grid  
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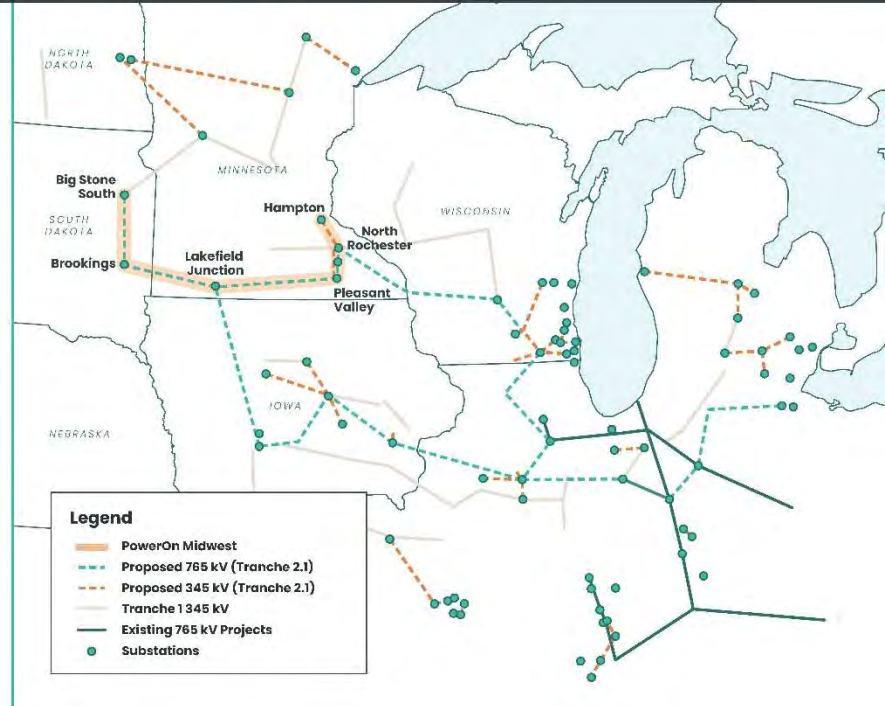


**Access to new  
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# MISO Tranche 1 & 2.1



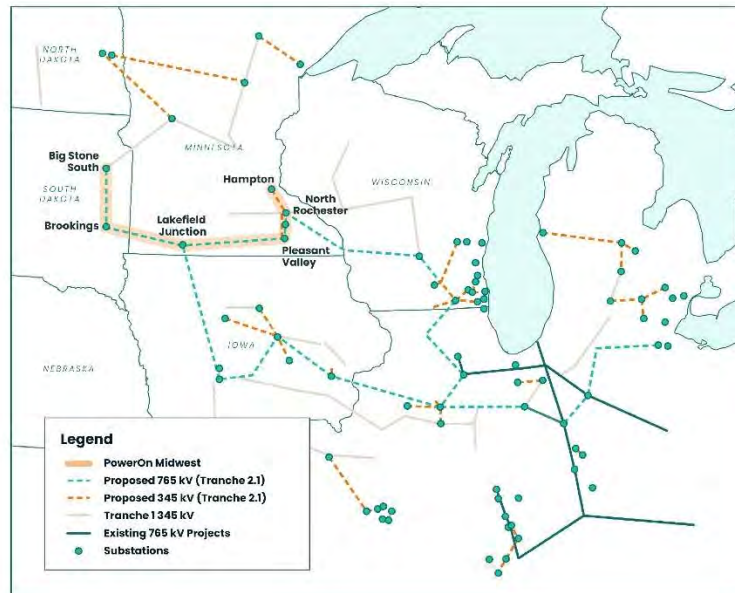


## Tribal Energy Forum presentation





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## Project benefits



**Continued  
electric reliability**



**Customer and  
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**Prepares the grid  
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## PowerOn Midwest project map

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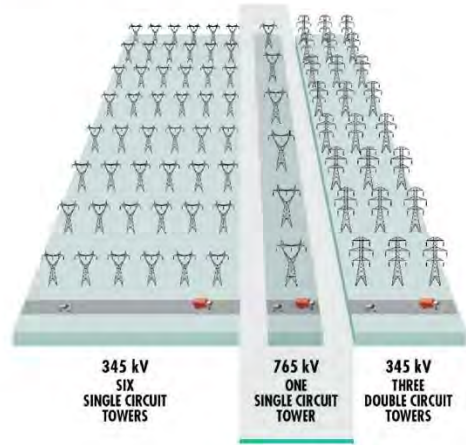
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**765 kV technology** was recommended for several technology advantages:

- 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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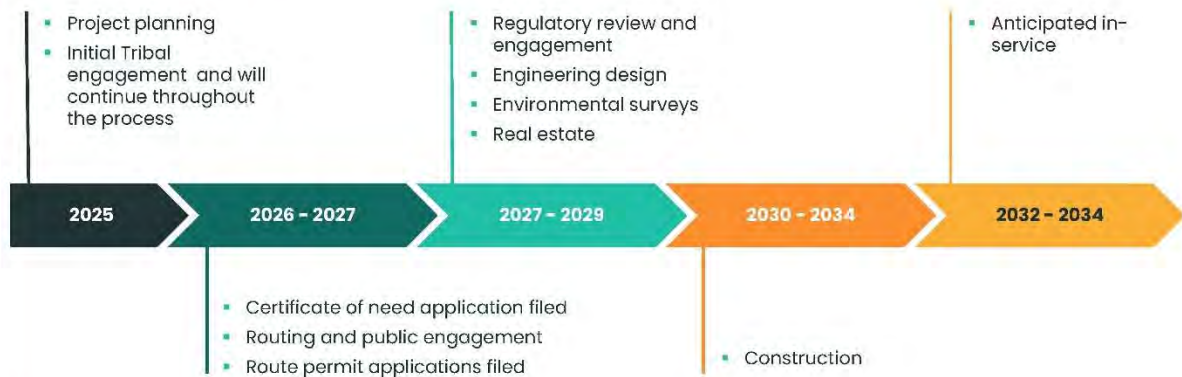
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## Schedule






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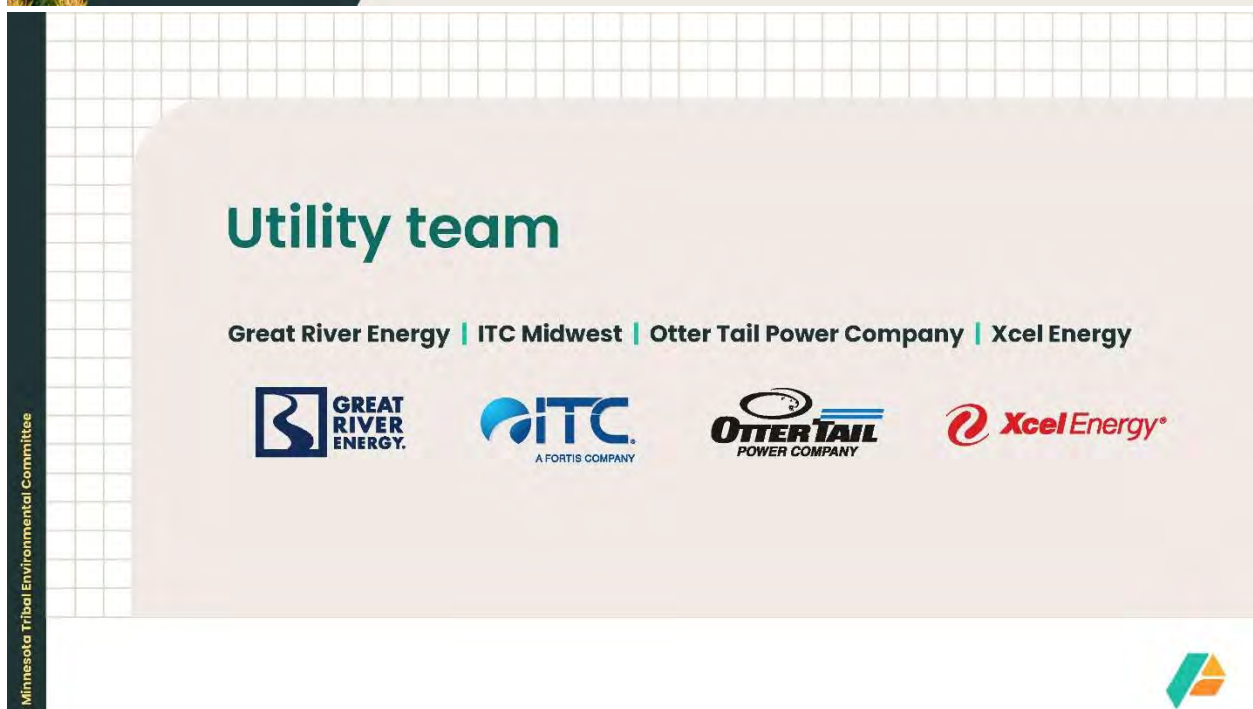


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## Minnesota Tribal Environmental Committee (MNTEC) presentation



# 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.**



## 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.

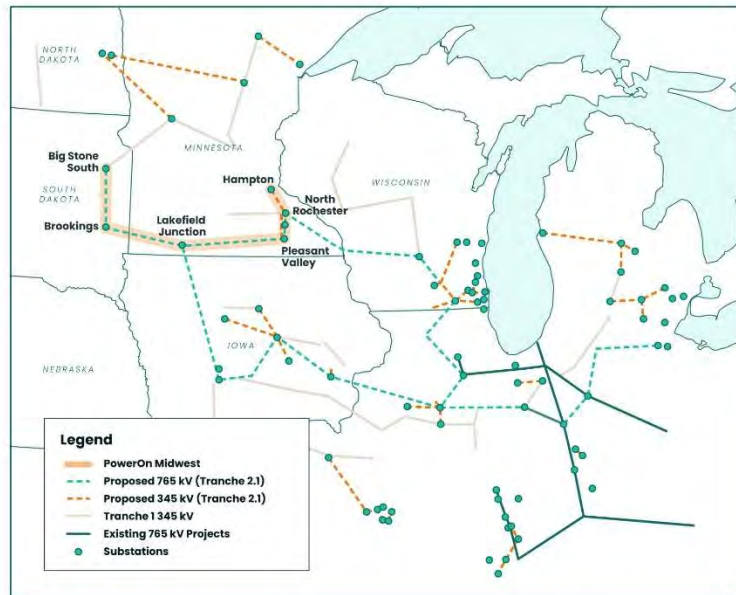
Over the past two decades, many coal plants have been retired across the Upper Midwest and this is expected to continue.

***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

### 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)
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## Technology

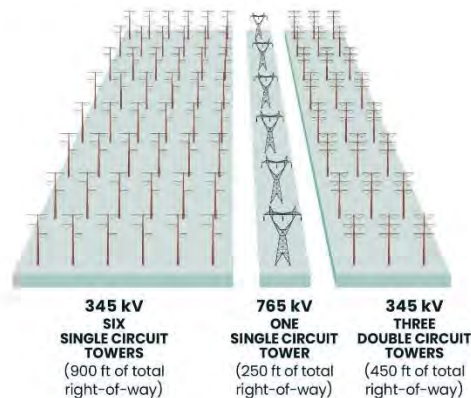
**765 kV** was identified in the planning process as the preferred solution for PowerOn Midwest, presenting several advantages:

- 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



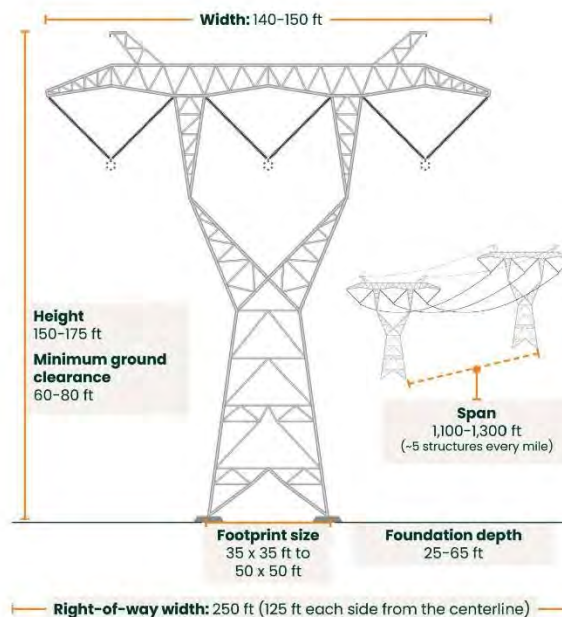
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- **Six single circuit 345 kV lines**
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## 765 kV Structure

- Typical structure shown



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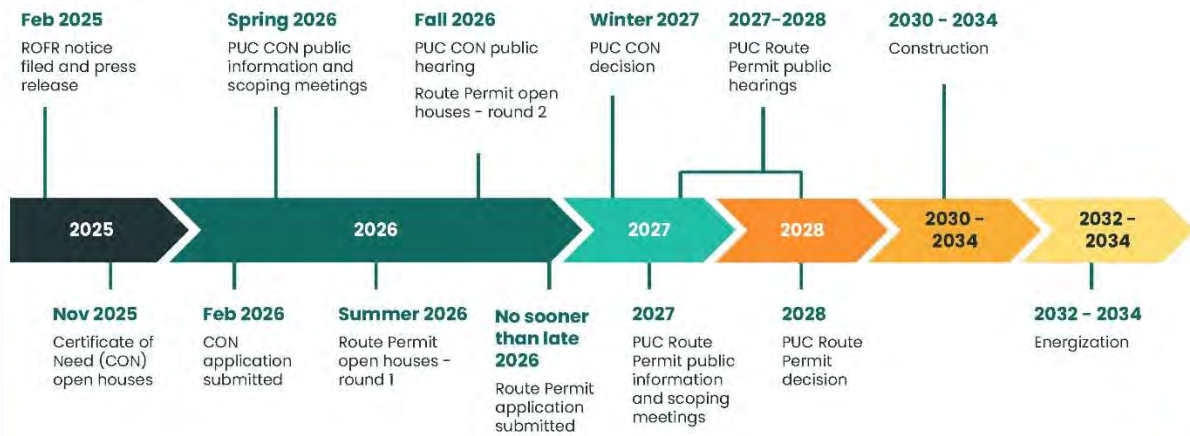
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## Preliminary schedule



## Upcoming open houses



## Open house schedule – week 1

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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
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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 – 8 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
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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



Matt Langan, *Policy and Outreach*  
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September \_\_, 2025

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Recipient Name, *Tribal Historic Preservation Officer*  
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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](mailto: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 Leshar, Great River Energy  
Mark Rothfork, ITC Midwest  
Tim Rogers, Xcel Energy  
Ellen Heine, Xcel Energy



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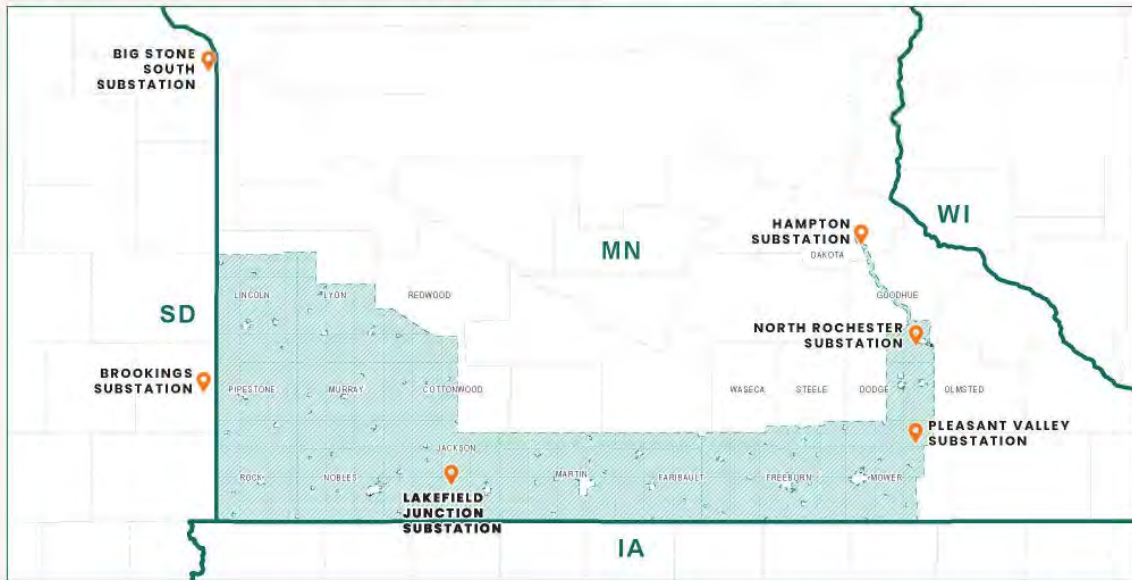
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September 2025



## Tribal open house invitation letter



October \_\_, 2025

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Company Name

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City, ST 12345

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**RE: PowerOn Midwest  
Public Open House Schedule**

Greetings,

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Enclosure: PowerOn Midwest Preliminary Project Map

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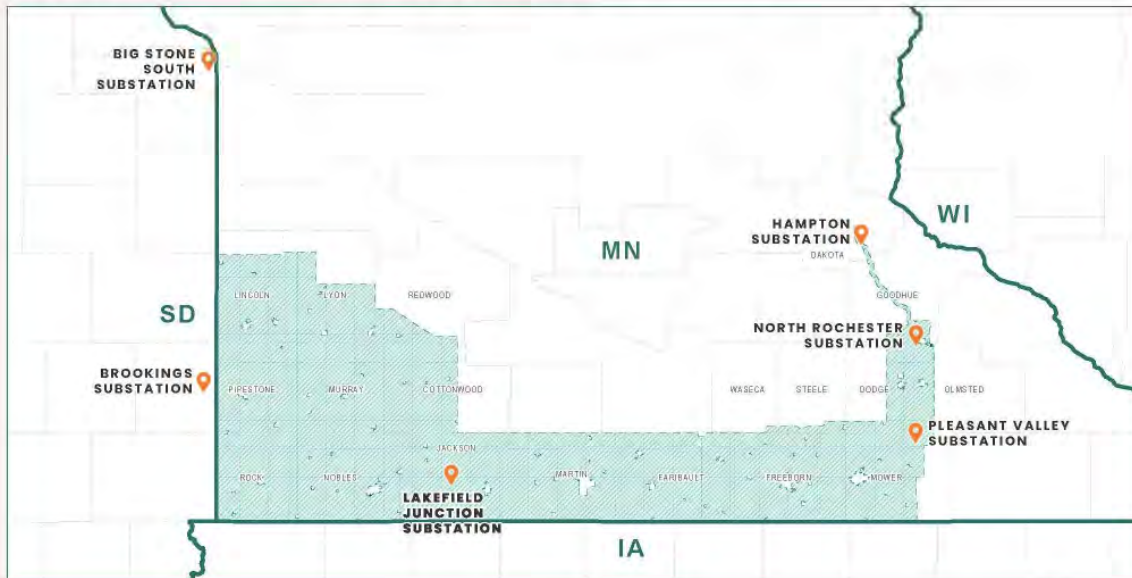
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