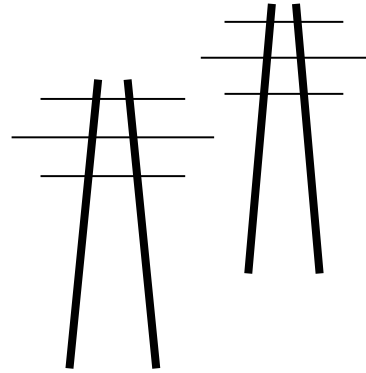


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RE: **DATA PRACTICES ACT REQUEST**  
Coordination, Consultation, and Conversations re: Transmission Projects  
PUC Dockets CN-25-117 and CN-25-121

Dear Mr. Metcalf:

Thank you for your time on back and forth emails recently.

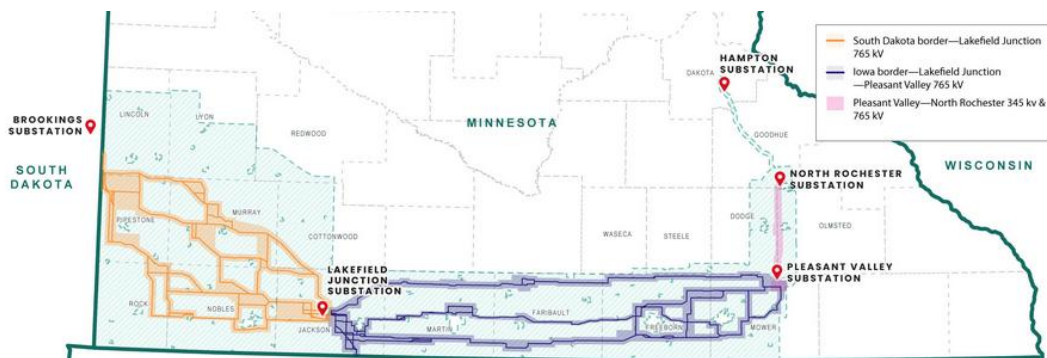
I'm sending this Data Practices Act Request on behalf of North Route Group (NRG) and NO765MN to set up a file inspection regarding the siting transmission along highway with requests detailed below.

At recent Commission meetings where the two above dockets were discussed, Commissioners had questions regarding routing along highway corridors in light of the intersection of Minn. Stat. §161.45 and MnDOT's utility accommodation policy.

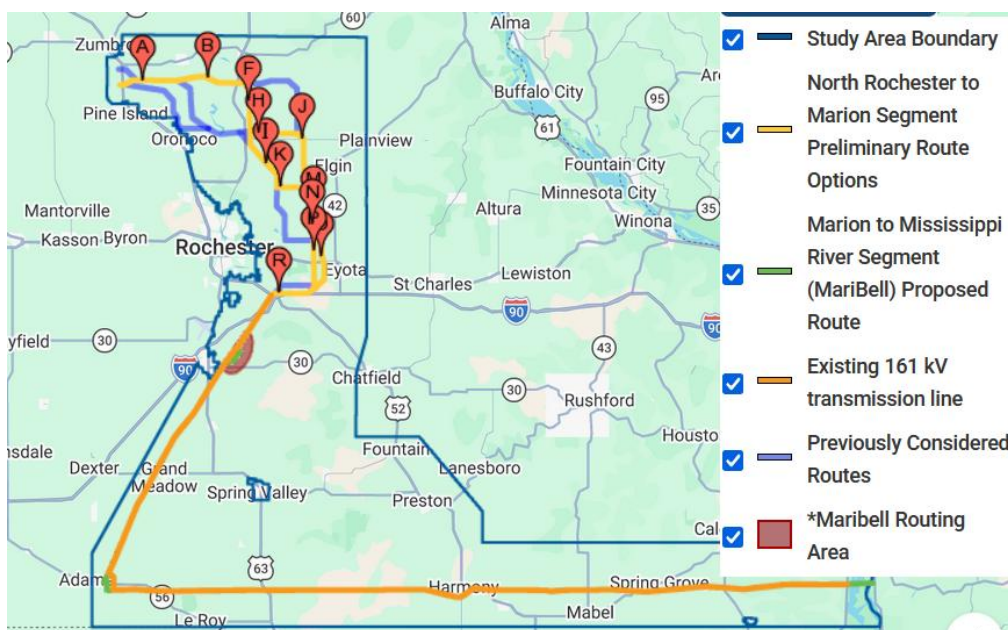
On behalf of my clients, we are seeking information about use of highway corridors, process, and requisite coordination, consultation, and conversations, particularly in light of Commissioners' comments and my clients similar questions, limited to the areas of these MISO Tranche 2.1 projects in southern Minnesota, specifically MISO projects 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26, a/k/a/ Public Utilities Commission dockets CN-25-117 (including CN-25-118, 119, and 120) and CN-25-121 (including CN-25-122).

Additional locational information can be found at the PowerOn Midwest and Gopher to Badger websites: [www.poweronmidwest.com](http://www.poweronmidwest.com) and [gophertobadgerlink.com](http://gophertobadgerlink.com).

The PowerOn Midwest map: [www.poweronmidwest.com/routing-process/](http://www.poweronmidwest.com/routing-process/)



And Gopher to Badger [gophertobadgerlink.com/process/routing-process.html#interactive-map](http://gophertobadgerlink.com/process/routing-process.html#interactive-map)



Specific to the above two project and study areas, please provide for a file review at DOT office:

- Any and all information regarding, and the result of, correspondence and conversations between utilities and DOT regarding transmission routing along or over the areas in the PowerOn Midwest and/or Gopher to Badger study areas above.
- Any and all information regarding Public Utility Commission requests for or inquiries regarding routing along highway corridor in the PowerOn Midwest and/or Gopher to Badger study areas above.
- Any and all information regarding denial of utility and/or Public Utilities Commission requests for routing along highway corridor in the PowerOn Midwest and/or Gopher to Badger study areas above.
- Dates of requests for coordination activities, dates of coordination activities, and DOT and/or utility plans shared and/or received.
- Identify DOT project coordinator for coordination and identify utility and/or PUC personnel DOT is/will coordinate with.

- Provide any and all routes identified for possible colocation of transmission lines, and the constructability report developed, including terms and conditions for colocation, if a constructability report has been prepared.

On a more general overview:

- Provide any information regarding amendments to the DOT's Policy of Accommodation in light of recent statutory changes.
- Provide any information regarding any and all other policies of DOT regarding colocation of transmission lines.
- Any DOT planning, reports, memoranda, in anticipation of transmission siting in DOT rights of way.
- Provide any information, including policies and projects, regarding colocation of underground DC transmission lines in DOT rights of way.
- Provide any lobbying materials prepared regarding legislative changes regarding use of DOT rights of way for routing transmission and/or pipelines.
- Provide any policy setting out opportunities for landowners to participate in policy and route development, including but not limited to a call for or notice of consideration of routing options.

Please let me know a convenient time for a file review – I'm camp hosting all of May but can be available with notice.

Thanks for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



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