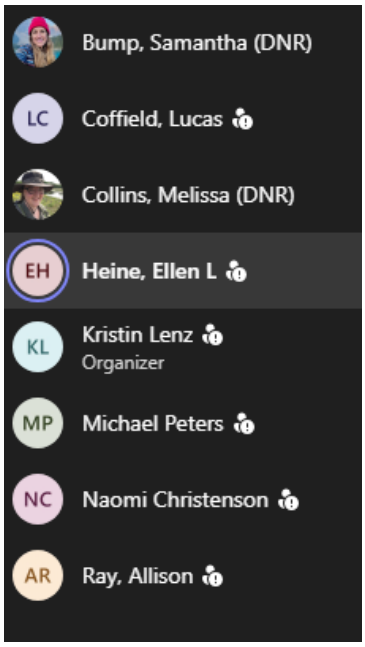
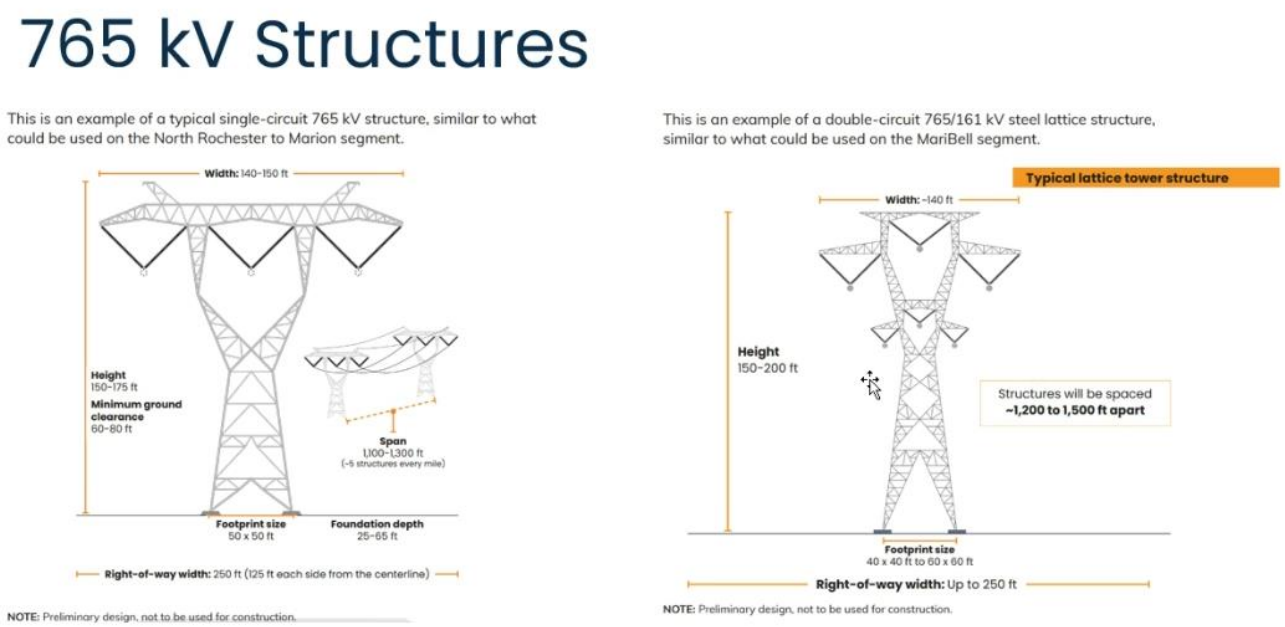
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Route Permit Public Meetings: Early May



Potentially deeper from helical piles as needed

Piling depth is important for calc fen impacts

- calc fen management plan will likely be needed

MDNR Interests in Project Area*

Public Lands	Public Waters	Natural Resources	
Shooting Star SNA	Zumbro River	Driftless Region / karst	Sites of Biodiversity Significance
Haverhill WMA	Bear Creek	Trout streams	Native Plant Communities
Winnebago Creek Aquatic Management Area	Winnebago Creek	Calcareous fens	Old growth forest
Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest	Iowa River/Little Iowa River	Snowmobile/canoe trails	Wild rice
	Mississippi River	Shooting Star State Trail	State-listed species

*This is not an exhaustive list; this will be updated based on the refined route filed with the Route Permit application.

SNA Boundary is associated with ROW

Karst Plan in the works

Project Milestones

Activity	Timeline
File Certificate of Need MPUC Docket #: CN-25-121	February 6, 2026
Agency / Tribal Project Introduction Letters with Route Maps	Late April/early May 2026
Route Permit Open Houses	Week of May 5, 2026
File Route Permit Application	Fall 2026
CN / RP Order Anticipated Issuance	Q1 2028
Federal / State Permitting Obtained	2030
Start Project Construction	2031 (Segment 2) / 2033 (Segment 1)
Project Operations	2034

One route permit application

Any angle is difficult with routing