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Greetings from PowerOn Midwest

Dear neighbors,

Welcome to the third issue of the PowerOn Midwest newsletter. This newsletter is intended to be a quick reference guide with valuable information about the proposed transmission line projects. This issue will focus on how community input can help shape where this line may be placed, why 765 kilovolt (kV) technology is the right option, and what 765 kV structure may look like.

Sincerely,
The PowerOn Midwest project team

What is PowerOn Midwest?

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

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.



CUSTOMER AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS

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



FUTURE-READY GRID

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



ACCESS TO NEW GENERATION

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



Your input matters

Public involvement is a critical part of this project. We invite you to join us at any upcoming meeting or open house. To stay up to date on future events, please visit: www.PowerOnMidwest.com/events.

Thank you for attending our June open houses!

In early June, we welcomed over 1,350 attendees to our public open houses across southern Minnesota. We received hundreds of comments from the community, and our project team is analyzing every one of them in their work to refine route options. We value your feedback, so if you didn't get a chance to leave a comment or speak with someone from the team in-person, we invite you to email **Connect@PowerOnMidwest.com** or call **888-283-4678**.

Additionally, PowerOn Midwest is returning in August for another series of open houses. The full schedule is attached at the bottom of this newsletter. We encourage you to attend if you are able.



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How community input directly shapes route and environmental study decisions

Public input and transparency are central to the planning of PowerOn Midwest. Community feedback plays a direct role in shaping where transmission lines are located, ensuring that local knowledge and priorities are reflected in project decisions. Over the multi-phase process of route planning and construction, your input helps influence decision-making from initial concepts through final approvals. Feedback gathered through open houses, conversations with local governments, and formal state review processes is carefully considered alongside environmental studies, engineering requirements, and regulatory criteria. State-led processes, including those overseen through the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's (MPUC) formal docket and public meetings

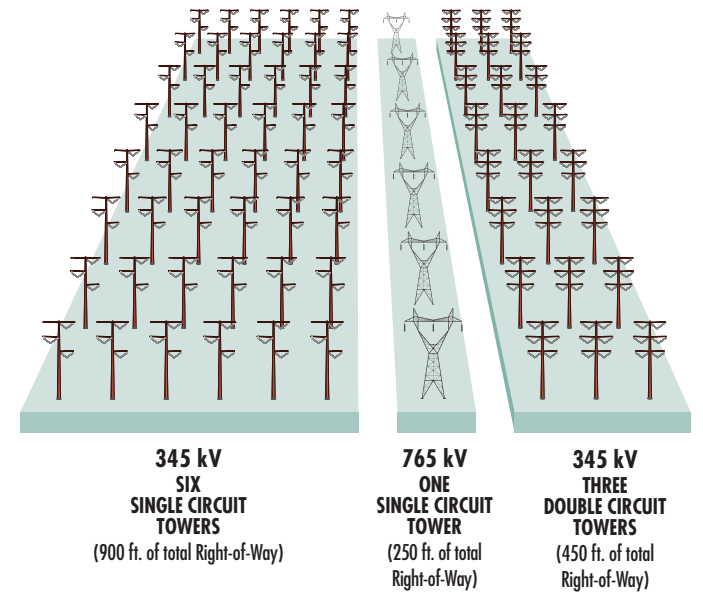
and hearings, provide additional opportunities for communities to review plans and submit comments directly to decision makers. The final route of PowerOn Midwest will ultimately be decided by the MPUC.

PowerOn Midwest is committed to making it easy to engage with our project team directly. Open houses provide opportunities to meet the team, ask questions and share feedback in-person, while online resources and public comment processes ensure that input can be provided through multiple channels. Community members are encouraged to stay involved, attend meetings, submit comments and share information with neighbors and local organizations. Through this ongoing dialogue, community perspectives help shape a project that is responsive, transparent, and grounded in the needs of the region. Please read further to find an upcoming open house near you.

What might 765 kV look like?

PowerOn Midwest's 765 kV transmission line is proposed to use four-legged, self-supporting lattice structures that would typically stand between 150 and 175 feet tall. One of the main benefits of this design is that the structures can be spaced farther apart, with spans of roughly 1,200 to 1,400 feet. This means fewer structures are needed along the route compared to other options. The lattice design was selected because it provides the best balance of reliability, cost, and durability in extreme weather.

By moving more energy through a single, highly efficient line, the projects streamline how electricity is delivered across the region. Rather than introducing multiple new transmission lines across wide areas, PowerOn Midwest focuses on maximizing capacity within fewer, strategically located corridors, helping reduce visual impacts, preserve more open space, and limit disruption to agricultural land and natural resources. The result is a transmission network that delivers reliable, scalable power while maintaining a smaller physical footprint across the Upper Midwest.



ROW total corrected to 250 ft.

Why 765 kV lines?

PowerOn Midwest's 765 kV transmission lines are designed to deliver more power with fewer new structures across the landscape. 765 kV technology offers a highly efficient way to deliver large amounts of power over long distances, with significantly greater carrying capacity than lower-voltage alternatives. Because a single 765 kV line can move the same amount of power as multiple 345 kV lines, it requires fewer transmission corridors and less overall right-of-way (ROW), minimizing impacts to communities, landowners and the environment. This technology also provides backup power pathways and supports resilient infrastructure that can deliver consistent power.

Mark your calendars — public open houses coming soon!

Our project team will be visiting communities along the PowerOn Midwest study area during the first two weeks of August. Visit PowerOnMidwest.com/events for more details.



August 4, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Lake Benton Community Center , 114 Center St. S, Lake Benton, MN 56149
August 4, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	St. Leo Catholic Church Gym , 415 S Hiawatha Ave., Pipestone, MN 56164
August 5, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Luverne Generations Events , 105 S Estey St., Luverne, MN 56156
August 5, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Murray County Central Gym , 2420 28th St., Slayton, MN 56172
August 6, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Worthington Event Center , 1447 Prairie Dr., Worthington, MN 56187
August 6, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Fox Lake Event Center , 730 125th St., Sherburn, MN 56171
August 11, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Jackson County Central High School Gym , 1128 North Hwy, Jackson, MN 56143
August 11, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Golden Bubble , 11575 State Hwy 22, Wells, MN 56097
August 12, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Wedgewood Cove Golf Club , 2200 W 9th St., Albert Lea, MN 56007
August 12, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Doubletree , 1701 4th St. NW, Austin, MN 55912
August 13, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Zumbrota VFW , 21 E 1st St., Zumbrota, MN 55992
August 13, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Dodge County Fairgrounds , 100 11th St. NE, Kasson, MN 55944