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Greetings from PowerOn Midwest

Dear neighbors,

Welcome to the second issue of the PowerOn Midwest newsletter. This newsletter is intended to be a valuable quick reference guide for the proposed transmission line project. In these newsletters we plan to share the latest updates on this energy transmission project, a quick project timeline and highlight any upcoming opportunities for public involvement.

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.



How community input directly shapes route and environmental study decisions

Public input and transparency are central to the planning of PowerOn Midwest by Great River Energy, ITC Midwest, and Xcel Energy. Community feedback plays a direct role in shaping where transmission lines are located. 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 formal dockets and public hearings, provide additional opportunities

for communities to review plans and submit comments that directly inform outcomes. The final route of PowerOn Midwest will ultimately be decided by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC).

PowerOn Midwest is committed to making engagement accessible and important. Community members are encouraged to stay involved, attend meetings, submit comments, and share information with neighbors and local organizations. Please see below to find an upcoming open house near you.

How are transmission line routes developed?

Developing a route for a new transmission line is a complex process. Input from landowners, community members, local leaders, Tribal representatives, state and federal agencies, as well as the project team's own expertise is critical as we develop and finalize a proposed route.

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.

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.

For a full list of area resources or conditions that will impact route development, please visit our website at www.poweronmidwest.com/routing-process/.



What is a routing open house?

Routing open houses are an important part of the utility-led efforts in the route development process. These meetings allow project utilities to share preliminary route options with the communities in the project notice area. This is an essential part of the route development process where we consider public feedback, existing utility corridors, existing land use, resource areas, and other data to further refine the study area.

The routing open houses are meant to answer questions, share information about the routing process and options, and ask for input about the path the transmission line may follow to connect the substations involved in the project. Our routing open houses will take place during the first two weeks of June. Read on to find a routing open house in your community!

After these meetings, we will refine the preliminary route options based on the feedback we received during the public open houses. We will then hold a second round of open houses in the project area in the early fall.

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

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

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

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

Mark your calendars!



Our project team will be visiting communities along the PowerOn Midwest study area during the first two weeks of June.

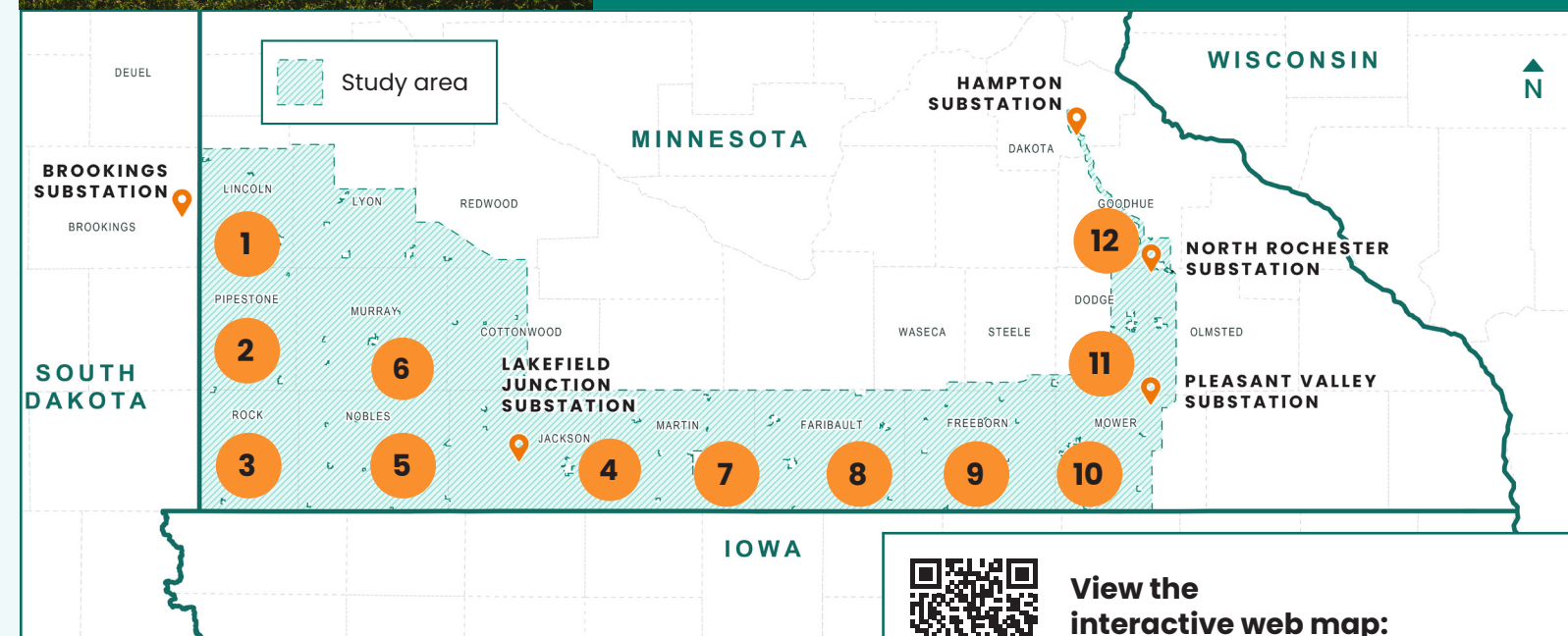
1	June 2, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Lake Benton Community Center 114 Center St S, Lake Benton, MN 56149
2	June 2, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	St. Leo Catholic Church 415 S Hiawatha Ave, Pipestone, MN 56164
3	June 3, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Luverne Generations Events 105 S Estey St, Luverne, MN 56156
4	June 3, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Fox Lake Event Center 730 125th St, Sherburn, MN 56171
5	June 4, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Worthington Event Center 1447 Prairie Dr, Worthington, MN 56187
6	June 4, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Fulda American Legion 106 W Front St, Fulda MN 56131
7	June 9, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Knights of Columbus 920 E 10th St, Fairmont, MN 56031
8	June 9, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Golden Bubble 11575 State Highway 22, Wells, MN 56097
9	June 10, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Wedgewood Cove Golf Club 2200 W 9th St, Albert Lea, MN 56007
10	June 10, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Doubletree 1701 4th St NW, Austin, MN 55912
11	June 11, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Events By Saker 401 8th St SE, Kasson, MN 55944
12	June 12, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Zumbrota VFW 21 E 1st St, Zumbrota, MN 55992



Cant attend in person?

Check out our virtual open house.

Visit PowerOnMidwest.com/events to learn more from June 2nd through June 26th.



View the interactive web map:
PowerOnMidwest.com/segments