



Oral Public Meeting Comments Received on the Scope of the Environmental Assessment for the Appleton to Benson 115 kV Transmission Line Project

Docket Nos. CN 24-263; TL 24-264

Public Meetings

- March 12, 2025 – Appleton, Minnesota, 11:00 a.m.
 - No oral comments
- March 12, 2025 – Benson, Minnesota, 6:00 p.m.
 - No oral comments
- March 13, 2025 – Virtual, online Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
 - No oral comments

1 INFORMATIONAL AND SCOPING MEETING - 24-263 & 24-264

2 Appleton - March 12, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

3 BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

4 AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

5 In the Matter of the Application of Great River Energy,
6 Otter Tail Power Co., Western Minnesota Municipal Power
7 Agency, Agralite Electric Coop, and the City of Benson
8 for a Certificate of Need and Route Permit for the
9 Appleton to Benson 115 Kilovolt Transmission Line Project

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16 Appleton Government Center
17 323 West Schlieman Avenue
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24 STENOGRAPHIC COURT REPORTER: Janet Shaddix Elling, RPR

1 PROCEEDINGS:

3 STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD:

4 An open house meeting was scheduled from
5 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and a formal Informational
6 and Scoping meeting was scheduled from 11:00 a.m. to
7 1:00 p.m.

8 During the open house, approximately five
9 landowners attended and asked questions of the
10 project Applicants. All of their questions were
11 answered and none were interested in hearing the
12 formal Informational and Scoping presentation.

13 At approximately 11:20 a.m., PUC and DOC
14 staff closed the Informational and Scoping meeting
15 given that no interested parties were present.

16 Applicants, PUC and DOC staff packed up
17 their materials and equipment and were departing the
18 facility at approximately 11:40 a.m., at which time
19 three persons arrived who owned and/or were leasing
20 land within the proposed route.

21 Applicants, PUC and DOC staff returned to
22 the meeting room and talked with the landowners
23 while displaying the project route on an iPad.
24 Applicants and staff satisfactorily addressed all of
25 their questions, and they were not interested in

1 hearing the formal Informational and Scoping Meeting
2 presentation. PUC and DOC staff provided them hard
3 copies of the presentation meetings.

4 (Matter concluded.)

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PROCEEDINGS:

MR. SAM LOBBY: Good evening, folks.
Thank you very much for coming tonight. We
appreciate you being here.

My name is Sam Lobby, I'm with the
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and so I first
just want to thank you very much for coming out
tonight and taking your time to be here.

So the Public Utilities Commission, we
are not for or against the project, we're here to
give the public a chance to speak and have your
voice heard on the project and have that potentially
be factored into the decision-making process.

So just a quick meeting agenda on what
we're going to cover here.

So, again, I'm Sam Lobby with the Public
Utilities Commission. So I'm going to talk about
the permit application and review process. Then I
will hand it over to Mark with the company and he
will talk about the project itself. And then we
will have Sam with the Department of Commerce talk
about the environmental review requirements.

So a big part about tonight is the
environmental study that is going to be done on the

1 project. We want to get feedback from you all on
2 how to do that study or things that should be
3 included, including potential route alternatives.

4 Then after we go through our
5 presentation, we'll open up the floor for questions
6 and comments from folks.

7 We've got a few more folks coming in
8 here, too.

9 So just real quick, a little background
10 on who the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission is.
11 We consist of five commissioners that are appointed
12 by the governor. We regulate three service
13 industries, electricity, natural gas, and
14 telephones. Our mission is to ensure safe, adequate
15 and efficient utility services at fair and
16 reasonable rates, and we provide independent
17 professional oversight in the regulation of utility
18 service providers in a manner that is consistent
19 with the public interest.

20 So tonight's meeting, just to let you
21 know what it's about.

22 First we'll talk a little bit about the
23 proposed project as well as the state's high voltage
24 transmission line route permit process, so how do we
25 permit the route.

1 So tonight is about getting feedback from
2 the public, from you all, you live in the area, you
3 know the area the best, so we want to hear what you
4 have to say so that if a permit is granted we can be
5 in line with what folks in the area who know the
6 area the best are interested in.

7 So we want to provide an opportunity for
8 you all to participate in developing the scope of
9 the environmental assessment and so that's what I
10 was talking about before. This is the environmental
11 review where you can help us determine what will
12 actually be studied. That includes commenting on
13 potential impacts of the proposed project as well as
14 commenting on methods to minimize, mitigate and
15 avoid potential impacts, and that includes proposing
16 alternative routes or route segments for
17 consideration.

18 So the route that you're seeing right now
19 is not set in stone. If you have any thoughts or
20 opinions on that you are more than welcome to let
21 the commissioners know. Commenting in the record is
22 something that the commissioners take very seriously
23 and they will review your comments, so your voice
24 will be heard if you have something that you want to
25 say here.

1 And then we have our contact information
2 in the presentation here, and you can find that
3 presentation over here and get our contact
4 information and always reach out with questions.

5 So I won't get too deep into this part of
6 it just because Mark will be covering more about the
7 project itself.

8 But the Appleton to Benson transmission
9 project proposes to construct approximately 29 miles
10 of 115 kV transmission line. The first segment will
11 be 27 miles and go from the existing Appleton
12 Substation near the City of Appleton to the existing
13 Great River Energy Benson Substation near the City
14 of Benson.

15 The second proposed route segment would
16 be a new 1.7 mile transmission line extending from
17 the City of Benson's Substation and would
18 interconnect with Great River Energy's existing
19 AG-BK 115-kV transmission line.

20 So as far as the permits are concerned
21 that the Applicant will need to get from the Public
22 Utilities Commission, there would need to be a
23 certificate of need. So any high voltage
24 transmission line with a capacity of 100 kilovolts
25 or more with more than ten miles of its length in

1 Minnesota require a certificate of need and then a
2 route permit. And this is going to be following the
3 alternative review process. If you're curious about
4 what that is you can go to the Minnesota Public
5 Utilities Commission website and there's some info
6 that talks about the different permitting processes.
7 So the route permits are required for any high
8 voltage transmission line operating at a nominal
9 voltage of 100 kV or more and greater than 1500 feet
10 in length.

11 So just to give you a little idea of what
12 to expect as far as the timeline of this project.
13 So the applications were filed at the end of 2024
14 and they were just recently accepted. The public
15 information and scoping meetings, the in person and
16 the virtual, that's today and tomorrow. So if
17 you're here right now, we do have tomorrow as a
18 virtual meeting, so if there's something you think
19 of this evening or tomorrow morning and you want to
20 speak on that again you do have another opportunity
21 to participate virtually. But if you're not a
22 public speaker, there is no pressure to speak.
23 There is also a written comment period that goes
24 through March 28th, so we're going to have some
25 information in here about how you can comment

1 online. There is also a comment form out front that
2 looks like this and so you can just write your
3 comment and fold it in half and there's a spot to
4 stick a stamp and then it'll just mail directly to
5 us.

6 So as I mentioned, tonight is about
7 determining the scope of the environmental review.
8 What, you know, essentially what the study is going
9 to include, so we want to get your feedback on what
10 to study, like I mentioned, including route
11 alternatives or route segment alternatives.

12 So then after we get your feedback, Sam
13 Weaver with the Department of Commerce, he will be
14 speaking in a couple minutes, he's going to be the
15 one doing the environmental review. So after he
16 collects all of the feedback that we get from the
17 public, then he will come up with a scoping decision
18 and so that'll say what are we actually going to
19 study and then he will do that study.

20 It's a very rigorous months' long study
21 that will come out, we're estimating August of 2025.
22 Then after that comes out, so that will come out in
23 August, we will send out a notice to everybody, so
24 if you're on the mailing list, you will get that
25 notice. If you want to get on the mailing list and

1 you are not currently, you can sign up on the
2 sign-in sheet there at the front to get on that.

3 And so at that point, at the public
4 hearings, we'll have a judge come, the judge will
5 run the meetings, and that gives you a chance to
6 react to the environmental study that was done.

7 So tonight is about getting your feedback
8 on what to study, then in September we will get your
9 feedback on did we study what you wanted us to.

10 So, as I mentioned, a judge will be
11 running those hearings, and he or she will come up
12 with an administrative law judge report and they
13 will file that, and we're estimating in quarter four
14 of 2025, or early Q1, I should say, and then a final
15 commission decision meeting will be late quarter 4
16 or early quarter of 2026.

17 So we do have a court reporter with us
18 here tonight, so there's going to be an opportunity
19 for you all to speak into the record. So this is a
20 formal proceeding that will be put into the record,
21 and anything that goes into the record is what the
22 commissioners use to make a decision. So if you
23 want to see what's in the record, what the
24 commissioners are actually looking at to make their
25 decisions, you can go to the eDockets website. You

1 can also see the environmental assessment there when
2 that comes out. You can see comments, what other
3 state agencies are saying and things like that. So
4 you go to the eDockets website, it's listed there,
5 and you can also just go into Google and type in
6 eDockets, and that's an easy way to get there.

7 For this project, the way to get to this
8 project is using the docket numbers, 24-263 or
9 24-264. If you use either one of those that will
10 bring you to the page of everything in the record.
11 And you can see here kind of what that looks like.
12 The docket number is the red square, you put in
13 either 23-263 -- excuse me, 24-263 or 24-264, and
14 then you'll find everything that we have in the
15 record.

16 With that, I will hand it over to Mark.

17 MR. MARK STROHFUS: Thanks, Sam.

18 So there's actually five applicants on
19 this project. I'm with Great River Energy, my name
20 again is Mark Strohfus, I'm the lead permitting
21 person for the project team.

22 Each of the utilities has an individual
23 lands right agent and so we are probably your
24 primary contacts if you have questions and we have
25 contact information at the end of my presentation

1 here.

2 If you have comments on the permitting
3 process, you can certainly call Sam, you can also
4 call me, and if you have land rights questions and
5 want to speak with a land rights agent, if people
6 call me we'll get them transferred over to the right
7 people.

8 So Great River Energy, in addition to
9 being the permitting lead, this project is roughly
10 29 miles of transmission lines. 20 of those 29
11 miles are being built with an existing right-of-way
12 for Otter Tail Power's 41.6 transmission line, so we
13 are primarily taking over and only building roughly
14 nine new miles of transmission line with new
15 right-of-way.

16 We'll have some additional work we're
17 doing at the Benson Substation. And there's two
18 Benson substations, it gets confusing a little bit,
19 there's the City of Benson Substation just across
20 the tracks here, that's owned by Benson Municipal
21 and the City of Benson, and then there's one up the
22 tracks here over where the old fiber main plant was
23 located. Great River Energy will have the Benson
24 Transmission Substation, sometimes we call it, we'll
25 do some modifications in that because we have to

1 have a new 115 kV transformer I think in that one.

2 Otter Tail Power, they're the other big
3 transmission line owner on this one. They'll have
4 17 miles of transmission line. They have most of
5 the new right-of-way on their system. Great River
6 Energy has a new transmission line through the City
7 of Benson.

8 Western Municipal Power Agency, they're
9 going to own some new breakers within the Benson
10 Substation fence line. They're not purchasing land,
11 it is just new equipment in there.

12 Agralite Cooperative, they're expanding
13 the Shible Lake Substation and relocating the Moyer
14 Substation.

15 And then the City of Benson, their
16 primary roll is to expand the Benson Distribution
17 Substation and will provide space for the new
18 breaker station that's going in.

19 This is a map. We have more detailed
20 maps in the back. And if people have questions on
21 their property, probably the best way is if you have
22 questions after this, which is reported by the court
23 reporter, or we can just do one-on-one
24 conversations.

25 But the Applicant substation is located

1 here. Again, it follows existing transmission line
2 here. This is the new stretch of transmission line,
3 and then it snakes up through here, through the
4 Danvers Substation and eventually this is the GRE
5 Benson Substation and then the City of Benson
6 Substation.

7 Why do we need this project? It's
8 reliability. Energy demand is increasing in the
9 area, we're forecasting additional energy demand
10 into the future. It's a reliability project for the
11 City of Benson. It's probably got a significant
12 advantage in that we're increasing service from
13 currently -- oop. One transmission line coming in
14 here into the Benson Substation, and if that line
15 gets taken out of service because of an accident or
16 something, then there is power loss throughout the
17 city.

18 And so the project will have a second
19 line coming in from here up through mostly
20 commercial and then all on the railroad tracks here
21 which offers additional reliability.

22 And, again, why are we seeing energy
23 growth? We're seeing electrification. I just
24 bought myself a new air source heat pump for my
25 house last year when my air conditioner died on me.

1 It was really cost-effective, great tax benefits for
2 me, and it was about a couple thousand dollars more
3 than if I did kind of the standard lower efficiency
4 systems. And to be honest, we love it. It's great.
5 It runs -- I set the price point for natural gas
6 into my thermostat and the electric prices and my
7 thermostat will decide what is the most
8 cost-effective way to heat this house. And down to
9 20 degrees my air source heat pump is running and
10 doing a great job on my house's heating.

11 So the big process the landowners want to
12 know about is, first of all, where is the
13 transmission line relative to my home. And, again,
14 we can look at individual maps and talk about that.

15 But then next is do I get paid for this
16 transmission line. Yes. If you have a transmission
17 line on your property, we will acquire an easement
18 with you, we'll negotiate an easement. We typically
19 get easements that are 50 feet either side of the
20 centerline, but if you have road right-of-way, we
21 typically put our transmission line two to five feet
22 outside of road right-of-way, so if we are five feet
23 out, we will be purchasing a 55-foot-wide easement
24 from you. That's a negotiation process.

25 Let's see. So I overlapped that.

1 And, again, once we finish the design on
2 the project, then we will start -- we may start
3 coming out a little bit earlier to having
4 preliminary conversations with landowners, but until
5 we have final design, then we'll send surveyors out,
6 they'll state where we plan to put structures, we'll
7 have feedback from the landowners at that point,
8 saying can you move this five feet this direction,
9 five feet that direction. Generally, we can
10 accommodate most of those changes as long as they're
11 not, you know, can you move this line and this
12 structure 500 feet over here.

13 At that time we'll talk about tree
14 clearing. There's not a lot of trees out in the
15 rural area that need to be cleared out. There is
16 probably not a lot even in town when we look at the
17 route we are proposing, as long that's the route
18 that the Commission issues us in the final route
19 permit.

20 When the project is done, the land agent
21 will come back again and ask is there anything else
22 we need to do to clean up on the line and make sure
23 everybody is happy. We will typically send a letter
24 out asking is there anything else we can do to leave
25 the property in good shape.

1 This is the typical kind of structures
2 that we will be using on GRE's segments of the line.
3 I think Otter Tail will do something more similar to
4 this, where they're horizontal insulators without
5 these brace posts. Through town here, along the
6 railroad tracks, that will be double-circuited, so
7 there will be six lines versus three on the
8 structures.

9 Again, we will notify you before any work
10 is done. We'll survey again for right-of-way
11 clearing and for construction and we'll conduct any
12 tree clearing that's needed to happen.

13 We basically drill a hole in the ground,
14 the pole is set in there, backfilled with rock
15 around it. Once a segment is constructed, we would
16 come back in and we put the new conductors on it and
17 pull it through and string it out.

18 Finally, again, we come back to
19 right-of-way restoration. We'll fix any damages to
20 your property. If there's ag land and there is crop
21 damages, we pay for crop damages. You guys tell us
22 how many acres we impacted and what current prices
23 are and we'll send you a check.

24 As I said, I'm the permitting lead.
25 We've got Dale here -- oop -- Dale here for Great

1 River Energy, Carly is here as well for Otter Tail
2 Power. But, again, you can call any one of us and
3 we'll make sure you get to the right person. Carly
4 is actually new to the project, but we'll get all
5 that information to you.

6 That's all I have.

7 MR. SAM WEAVER: All right. So my name
8 is Sam Weaver. I'm with the Energy Environmental
9 Review and Analysis unit with the Department of
10 Commerce and I'm just here to talk about the
11 environmental review process for this project.

12 So we're going to start talking about
13 Commerce's role in the environmental review, how we
14 create the environmental assessment, how you can
15 comment on the environmental assessment and the
16 project, and then we'll get around to your questions
17 and comments.

18 So we, the EERA, conducts environmental
19 review for all transmission line projects on behalf
20 of the Commission.

21 For this project, we're going to prepare
22 an environmental assessment that's going to have the
23 following goals. It's intended to be an objective
24 analysis of the project. Namely, its potential
25 impacts to humans and the environment. We will

1 identify any strategies used by the Applicant to
2 avoid, minimize, or mitigate those impacts. And
3 specifically to identify impacts that cannot be
4 avoided as a result of the project. And we are a
5 neutral third-party, we are not an advocate for the
6 Applicant or the Commission here, we're just
7 presenting the information of these impacts.

8 And the goal is to collect a bunch of
9 information that can be used for understanding of
10 the project's impacts. And, finally, to inform the
11 PUC's decision-making as to whether or not the
12 project goes forward and what that project ends up
13 looking like.

14 So thinking about the scope of the
15 environmental assessment, right, this is why we are
16 here tonight, to talk about the scope of this
17 environmental assessment. We're going to talk about
18 the human and environmental impacts, strategies to
19 mitigate those impacts. And then finally any
20 alternatives to the proposed project as a whole or
21 the proposed route. And if we're talking about
22 alternatives, we want to identify alternatives that
23 can mitigate impacts.

24 So your input tonight is very important.
25 That's why we're here, to get your feedback. Your

1 input shapes the scope of what this EA is going to
2 contain. The scope is basically the table of
3 contents for the document, it highlights what we're
4 studying, what we're looking at. So this part of
5 this again is what are the potential and human and
6 environmental impacts of the proposed project. What
7 impacts should we consider when we're putting this
8 document together. What are any methods that we
9 could use to minimize, mitigate, or avoid those
10 projects. And then are there any unique
11 characteristics of the proposed project area that we
12 need to consider for the EA. And, finally, are
13 there other ways to meet the stated need for the
14 project to provide power to this community, whether
15 it's through a different type of facility or a
16 different route or a different route segment. So if
17 you have ideas that vary from the proposed route
18 from the Applicant, this is your time to make those
19 known.

20 So if you want to propose an alternative
21 route, these alternatives must mitigate a potential
22 impact, be specific and identifiable, still meet the
23 needs for the project, and be feasible.

24 So just as an example, right, let's say
25 the project is planned and it goes through a bunch

1 of people's driveways along the highway
2 right-of-way, you could say to avoid impacts to
3 people's property and their driveways, maybe we go
4 along the property line that would mitigate the
5 impact. For people with those driveways, it's a
6 viable alternative, the project can still go
7 forward.

8 And the most important part here is that
9 your comments be submitted on time. You can submit
10 them online, you can submit them by mail, by March
11 28th.

12 So if you do suggest an alternative, we
13 will make a recommendation as to whether or not we
14 want to include it in the EA, and then it gets
15 carried forward and will be studied by me in the EA
16 and the PUC might select it as the final route.
17 Then GRE would have the power of eminent domain to
18 construct that alternative.

19 So how you can comment. Verbal comments
20 at today's meeting. You can submit a comment sheet,
21 which we have in the back. You can submit comments
22 online at this link. Or you can mail or email a
23 comment straight to me. And, again, the comment
24 period ends March 28th at 4:30.

25 So here is the summary of all of this

1 information. This is in the printout. A bunch of
2 people's contact information.

3 And, finally, we'll get to comments and
4 questions. We're able to kind of take over this
5 part for me. But I think we have one person here
6 who is not from the Applicant, so you don't have to
7 worry about limiting your time on any comments or
8 questions you might have tonight, you can take as
9 much time as you want.

10 But one speaker at a time. State and
11 spell your name for the court reporter. Limit your
12 comments to a few minutes. Again, you don't have to
13 worry about that. And maintain respect. And if you
14 could direct any comments or questions to the scope
15 of the environmental assessment that would be
16 appreciated, it makes it easier for us to act upon
17 those comments.

18 And that's it.

19 MR. RAY KIRSCH: I'm Ray Kirsch, I'm with
20 the Minnesota Department of Commerce and I'm a
21 colleague of Sam's. I'm just here to facilitate
22 questions and comments if you have any tonight and
23 to follow sort of the ground rules.

24 Does anybody have a question or comment?
25 Just a show of hands, if you do.

1 All right. I'm not seeing any questions
2 or comments from anybody.

3 I will go back a slide or two. This is
4 the pertinent information that you can comment on
5 tonight or through the comment sheets that are on
6 the back table. This is what they look like. You
7 can fold them up and put a stamp on them and mail
8 them. You can comment online or you can send a
9 comment directly to Sam, and here is his email
10 address at the Department of Commerce.

11 One more time. Does anybody have a
12 question or comment tonight?

13 All right. I'm not seeing any.

14 So I think we'll conclude our meeting.
15 Thank you all for coming out tonight and travel
16 safe.

17 Thank you all.

18 (Meeting concluded at 6:30 p.m.)
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6 Otter Tail Power Co., Western Minnesota Municipal Power
7 Agency, Agralite Electric Coop, and the City of Benson
8 for a Certificate of Need and Route Permit for the
9 Appleton to Benson 115 Kilovolt Transmission Line Project

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STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD:

A formal Virtual Informational and
Scoping meeting was scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00
p.m. The Applicant, DOC and PUC staff were present.

No member of the public appeared
virtually. At approximately 6:20 p.m., PUC and DOC
staff ended the Virtual Public Hearing in this
matter.

(Matter concluded.)

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