

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON APPLICATION COMPLETENESS

Issued: January 3, 2025

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

Docket Number: ET-2,E-017,ET-6135, E-100/CN-24-263; TL-24-264

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes **January 14th, 2025**, at 4:30 p.m.
Reply comment period closes **January 21st, 2025**, at 4:30 p.m.
Supplemental comment period closes **January 27th, 2025**, at 4:30 p.m.

Please include the docket number in all communications. Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission).

Topics for Comment

- Does the joint application contain the information required in Minn. R. 7850?
- Are there any contested issues of fact with respect to the representations made in the application?
- Should an advisory task force be appointed?
- Should the Commission direct the Executive Secretary to issue an authorization to the applicant to initiate consultation with the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) (see link below)?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

Background: Great River Energy, Otter Tail Power Company, Western Municipal Power Agency (Missouri River Energy Services), Agralite Electric Cooperative, and the City of Benson, MN (collectively referred to as “the applicants”) have submitted an application for a certificate of need and route permit with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. The project includes:

- Rehabilitation of some existing transmission line and construction of new transmission line
- 2 segments, one that is approximately 27 miles from Appleton, Minnesota to Benson Minnesota, and one that is approximately 1.7 miles from the Benson substation to a Great River Energy transmission line.

Submit Comments

Online: mn.gov/puc/get-involved/public-comments
Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us
U.S. Mail: Consumer Affairs Office
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Comments will be made available to the public via the Commission's website except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The Commission does not edit or delete personal identifying information from submissions.

Review Process. Information on the review processes for certificates of need and site and route permits for large electric power facilities is available on the Commission's website at: <https://mn.gov/puc/activities/energy-facilities/>

SHPO Coordination. A copy of the SHPO consultation authorization letter is available on the Commission's website at: <https://mn.gov/puc/activities/energy-facilities/shpo-coordination/>

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Full Case Record. See all documents filed in this matter via the Commission's website at: mn.gov/puc/edockets, select *Go to eDockets*, enter the docket number (24-263 or 24-264), and select *Search*.

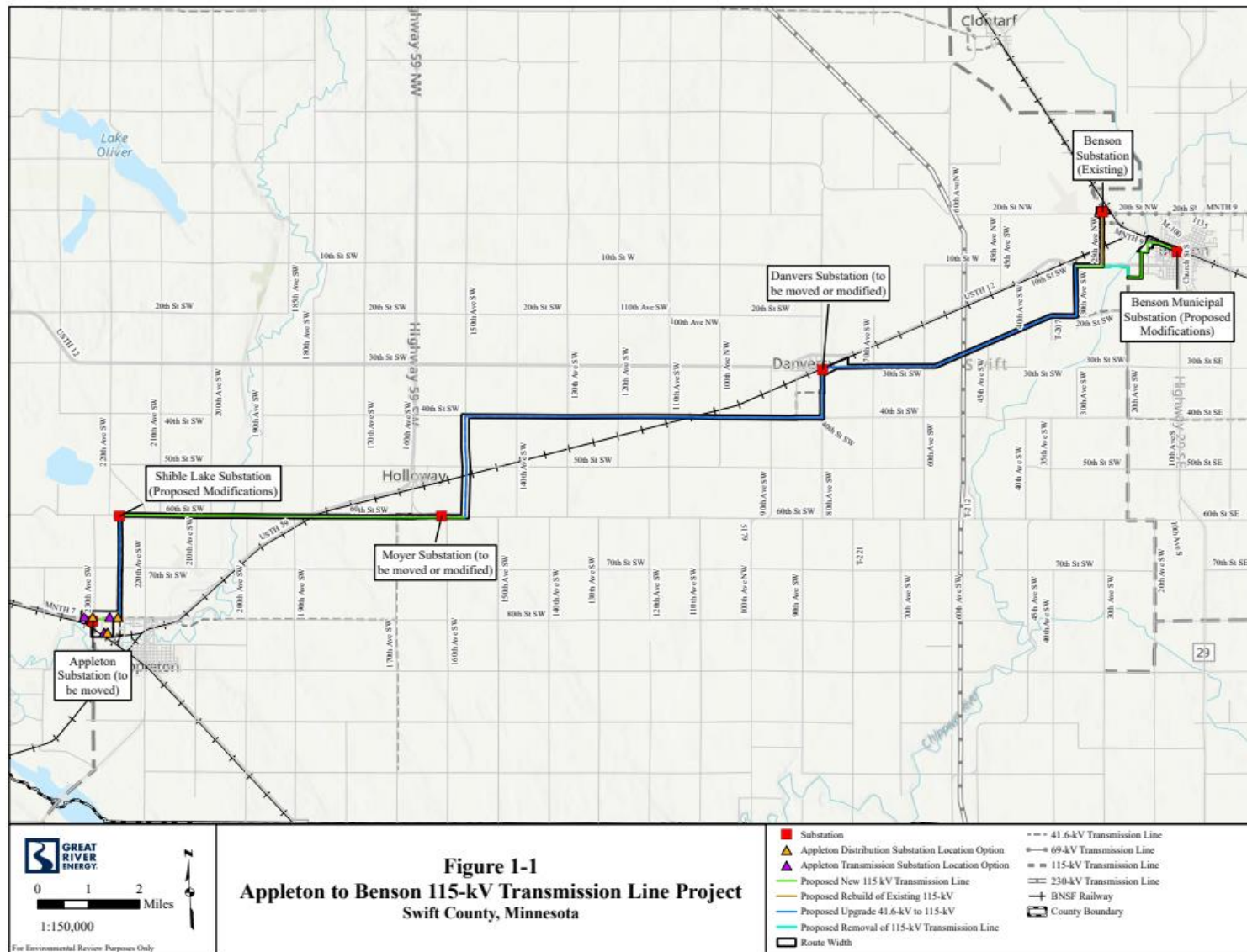
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Questions about these dockets or Commission process and procedure? Contact Commission staff, Sam Lobby at sam.lobby@state.mn.us or 651-201-2205.

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Project Overview Map



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I, Robin Benson, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, courier, interoffice mail or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Dated this **3rd** day of **January, 2025**

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