

Appendix A
Route Permit Application Completeness
Checklist

**APPENDIX A
BIG BEND WIND, LLC PROJECT
ROUTE PERMIT APPLICATION
DOCKET NO. IP7013/TL-19-621
COMPLETENESS CHECKLIST**

Authority	Required Information	Location in Application
Minn. R. 7850.2800, Subp. 1 - Eligible Projects		
C.	An applicant for a site permit or a route permit for one of the following projects may elect to follow the procedures of parts 7850.2800 to 7850.3900 instead of the full permitting procedures in parts 7850.1700 to 7850.2700 for high voltage transmission lines (HVTLs) of between 100 and 200 kV.	1.5
Minn. R. 7850.2800, Subp. 2 - Notice to Commission		
	An applicant for a permit for one of the qualifying projects in subpart 1, who intends to follow the procedures of parts 7850.2800 to 7850.3700, shall notify the PUC of such intent, in writing, at least 10 days before submitting an application for the project.	1.6 and Appendix B
Minn. Stat. Section 216E.04, Subd. 3; Minn. R. 7850.3100 - Contents of Application (Alternative Permitting Process)		
	The applicant for a route permit who chooses to follow the procedures outlined in the Alternative Permitting Process shall include in the application the same information required in part 7850.1900, except the applicant need not propose any alternative routes to the preferred route. If the applicant has rejected alternative routes, the applicant shall include in the application the identity of the rejected routes and an explanation of the reasons for rejecting them.	3.5
Minn. R. 7850.1900, Subp. 2 (applicable per Minn. R. 7850.3100) - Route Permit for HVTL		
A.	A statement of proposed ownership of the facility at the time of filing the application and after commercial operation.	1.1
B.	The precise name of any person or organization to be initially named as permittee or permittees and the name of any other person to whom the permit may be transferred if transfer of the permit is contemplated.	1.3
C.	At least two proposed routes for the proposed HVTL and identification of the applicant's preferred route and the reasons for the preference.	Not applicable per Minn. R. 7850.3100 (however, see 3.5)
D.	A description of the proposed HVTL and all associated facilities including the size and type of the HVTL.	Chapter 2
E.	The environmental information required under 7850.1900, Subp. 3.	Chapter 5 and Appendix E
F.	Identification of land uses and environmental conditions along the proposed routes.	5.1 and 5.2.9
G.	The names of each owner whose property is within any of the proposed routes for the HVTL.	Appendix H
H.	United States Geological Survey topographical maps or other maps acceptable to the Commission showing the entire length of the HVTL on all proposed routes.	Appendix C

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I.	Identification of existing utility and public rights-of-way along or parallel to the proposed routes that have the potential to share the right-of-way with the proposed line.	5.2.10.5, Appendix E, and Appendix C
J.	The engineering and operational design concepts for the proposed high voltage transmission line, including information on the electric and magnetic fields of the transmission line.	2.3, and 5.2.2
K.	Cost analysis of each route, including the costs of constructing, operating, and maintaining the HVTL that are dependent on design and route.	2.7 and 4.4, and Appendix E
L.	A description of possible design options to accommodate expansion of the HVTL in the future.	2.8
M.	The procedures and practices proposed for the acquisition and restoration of the right-of-way, construction, and maintenance of the HVTL.	Chapter 4
N.	A listing and brief description of federal, state, and local permits that may be required for the proposed HVTL.	Chapter 7 and Table 7.0-1
O.	A copy of the Certificate of Need (CON) or the certified HVTL list containing the proposed HVTL or documentation that an application for a CON has been submitted or is not required.	1.4
Minn. R. 7850.1900, Subp. 3 (applicable per Minn. R. 7850.2800) - Environmental Information		
A.	A description of the environmental setting for each route.	5.1
B.	A description of the effects of construction and operation of the facility on human settlement, including, but not limited to, public health and safety, displacement, noise, aesthetics, socioeconomic impacts, cultural values, recreation, and public services.	5.2 and Appendix E
C.	A description of the effects of the facility on land-based economies, including, but not limited to, agriculture, forestry, tourism, and mining.	5.3 and Appendix E
D.	A description of the effects of the facility on archaeological and historic resources.	5.4 and Appendix E
E.	A description of the effects of the facility on the natural environment, including effects on air and water quality resources and flora and fauna.	5.5 and Appendix E
F.	A description of the effects of the facility on rare and unique natural resources.	5.6 and Appendix E
G.	Identification of human and natural environmental effects that cannot be avoided if the facility is approved at a specific site or route.	Chapter 5 and Appendix E
H.	A description of the measures that might be implemented to mitigate the potential human and environmental impacts in items A to G and the estimated costs of such mitigative measures.	Chapters 5