

To: Persons Interested in the Proposed Construction of two adjacent up to 200-megawatt / 800-megawatt hour battery energy storage systems and ancillary support infrastructures, known as the Crane Energy Storage Project and Sandhill Energy Storage Project, to be located in Olmsted County, Minnesota; the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Energy Facilities General List; Local Officials; Tribes; and Property Owners

RE: Notice of Crane Energy Storage LLC and Sandhill Energy Storage LLC's Filing of Joint Site Permits Application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

MPUC Docket Nos. IP-7148/ESS-24-406 and IP-7149/ESS-24-407

Crane Energy Storage LLC (Crane Storage) and Sandhill Energy Storage LLC (Sandhill Storage), wholly owned subsidiaries of Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP) (collectively, the Applicants), are each proposing to construct and operate a stand-alone, up to 200-megawatt (MW) / 800-megawatt hour (MWh) battery energy storage systems (BESS) and ancillary support infrastructures located in Olmsted County, Minnesota (the Crane Energy Storage Project [Crane Project] and the Sandhill Energy Storage Project [Sandhill Project], collectively the Projects).

This notice provides formal notice that the Applicants filed a Joint Site Permits Application for two BESS Site Permits (Application) with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission or MPUC) for the Projects (MPUC Docket Nos. IP-7148/ESS-24-406 [Crane Project] and IP-7149/ESS-24-407 [Sandhill Project]) pursuant to the alternative permitting process contained in Minn. Stat. § 216E.04 and Minn. R. parts 7850.2800 to 7850.3900. This notice also provides information on the Projects and the permitting process, as well as information on how to register your name with the Commission on the Projects contact lists to ensure that you receive future notices.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The Projects are located in Kalmar Township in Olmsted County, Minnesota. The Projects are situated on approximately 79 acres of land, of which approximately 28 acres will be for the operation of the Projects.

Each Project will include self-contained BESS units that contain batteries installed in purpose-built enclosures, an onsite maintenance area, a parking lot, trash enclosure, stormwater pond, and any ancillary equipment or buildings as necessary and typical of a BESS facility. The Projects will also include these shared facilities: the primary access road, a collector substation and an approximately 700-foot-long 161-kV gen-tie line that will interconnect the collector substation to the Byron Substation.

The accompanying maps outline the location of the Projects.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Crane Storage has entered an Option Agreement to purchase a parcel for development of the BESS portion of the Crane Project and an easement for construction and operation of the primary access road to the BESS facility with the current landowners. Sandhill Storage has entered an Option

Agreement to purchase a parcel for development of the BESS portion of the Sandhill Project. Accordingly, Applicants' current and future plans do not include the use of eminent domain. If additional voluntary property rights are required for the Projects, Applicants will seek to negotiate a voluntary easement agreement with each affected landowner.

SITE PERMIT PROCESS

A Site Permit from the Commission is required before the Projects can be constructed. The Power Plant Siting Act (Minn. Stat. Ch. 216E) and Minn. R. parts 7850.1000 to 7850.5600 establish the requirements for submitting and processing a Site Permit application. The statutes and rules also establish notice requirements for various stages of the process. The Site Permits application will be considered by the Commission under the alternative permitting process in Minn. Stat. § 216E.04 and Minn. R. parts 7850.2800 to 7850.3900. The Commission has up to six months from the time the application is accepted as complete to process and make a decision on the Site Permits according to Minn. Stat. § 216E.04, subd. 7, and Minn. R. 7850.3900, subp. 1. The Commission may extend this time limit for up to three months for just cause or upon agreement of the applicant.

Within 60 days after the Commission accepts the Application as complete, the Commission and the Department of Commerce, Energy, Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) unit will hold a public information and scoping meeting to provide information and seek comments from the public. At this meeting, members of the public may comment on the scope of the environmental assessment and/or propose additional issues for consideration in the environmental assessment that the EERA will prepare. Once the public meeting is scheduled, notice of the meeting will be provided to persons whose names are on the project contact list and will be published in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the Project Area.

After the environmental assessment has been completed, EERA will make the document available for public review and a public hearing will be held on the Application. Any person may speak at the public hearing, present documentary evidence, ask questions of Applicants' representatives and EERA staff, and submit comments.

Further details regarding upcoming meetings and comment periods on the Application will be provided by Applicants, EERA, and/or the Commission in the future.

CERTIFICATE OF NEED

A Certificate of Need is not required from the Commission for the Projects. The Projects are exempt from Certificate of Need requirements pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.243, subd. 8(a)(9).

HOW TO LEARN MORE

For more information about the regulatory process or to have your name included on mailing lists, contact:

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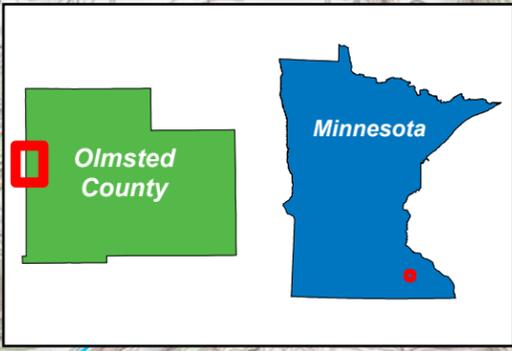
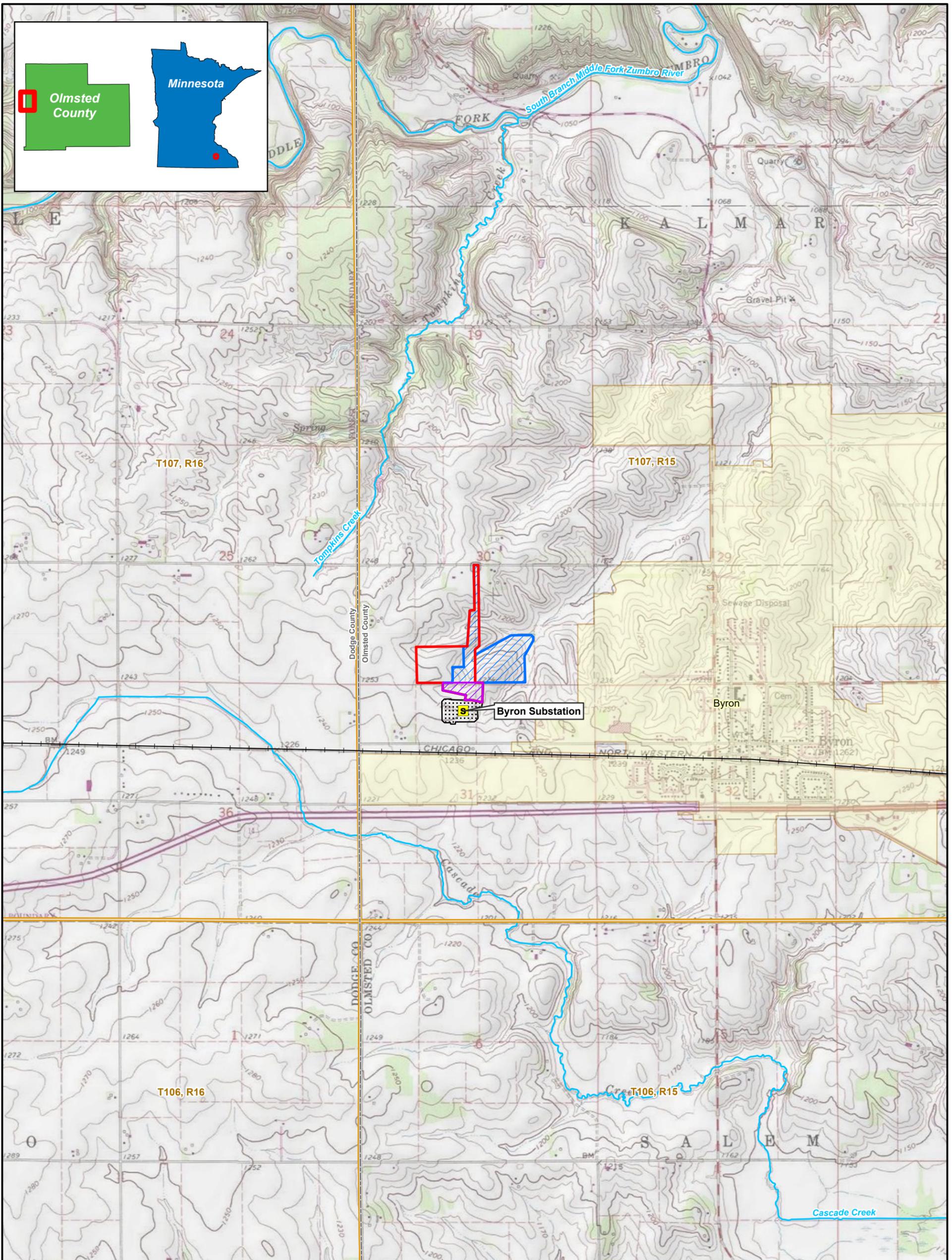
There are two options for citizens, landowners, and interested persons to receive Project information:

1. Sign up for the Project Mailing List. To sign up to receive notices about Project milestones and opportunities to participate (meetings, comment periods, etc.) email eservice.admin@state.mn.us or call (651) 201-2246 with the docket numbers (IP-7148/ESS-24-406 [Crane Project Site Permit] and IP-7149/ESS-24-407 [Sandhill Project Site Permit]), your name, mailing address, and email address. You may request to receive notices by email or U.S. mail.
2. Subscribe to the Docket. To receive email notifications when new documents are filed in the dockets, visit: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling>, select “Subscribe to eDockets,” and follow the prompts.

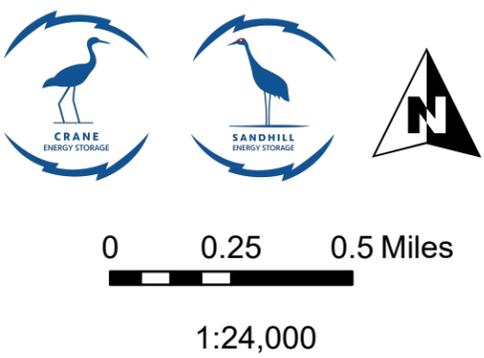
Note – subscribing may result in a large number of emails.

A copy of the Application is also available for review at the Kassan Public Library, 607 1st Street NW, Kassan, MN 55944 and the Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St SE, Rochester, MN 55904.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Onur Usmen at (646) 656-8044 or by email at ousm@cisc.dk.



Map 1
 Project Overview
 Crane & Sandhill BESS Projects
 Olmsted County, MN



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| Existing Substation | Byron Substation |
| Crane Land Control Area | City/Town |
| Sandhill Land Control Area | Township |
| Gen-Tie | County Boundary |
| Development Area | NHD Named Stream |
| | Railroad |

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 Sources: Tenaska, Inc., MN Geospatial Commons, MDNR