

Permitting News

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company have developed and submitted two state permit applications – one to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC) and one to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC).

The BSSE project team filed a Facility Permit Application with the SDPUC for the South Dakota portion of the project on August 23, 2013. The SDPUC held public hearings on October 17, 2013, in Aberdeen and Milbank, South Dakota.

On October 18, 2013, the BSSE project team filed a Corridor Certificate and Route Permit Application with the NDPSC for the North Dakota portion of the project. Watch your local newspaper for NDPSC's announcement of the date and location of the upcoming public hearing.

The SDPUC and NDPSC are reviewing their respective applications for completeness. If the applications meet all requirements, the Commissions each will issue permits to construct.

Review the Applications

View the NDPSC Corridor Certificate and Route Permit Application and the the SDPUC Facility Permit Application on our website's Resources page at:

www.bssetransmissionline.com/resources

Here's what you'll see at the top left-hand corner of the Resources page:



Resources

Permitting Documents

South Dakota:

- [Application to the Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota for a Facility Permit](#)

North Dakota:

- [Combined Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for a Corridor Certificate and Route Permit](#)



POWER DELIVERED

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Dear Readers,

The Big Stone South to Ellendale Transmission Line Project has reached another milestone.

On October 18, 2013, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company filed a combined application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) for a Corridor Certificate and Route Permit.

Additionally, the South Dakota Public Utilities

Commission (PUC) held two public hearings on October 17, 2013, in Aberdeen and in Milbank on the South Dakota Facility Permit Application.

Thank you to all landowners along the transmission line route. We have appreciated your input throughout the routing process, and we will continue to answer your questions and address your concerns as we move into the engineering design and right-of-way processes.

The BSSE project team 
Big Stone South to Ellendale



Want to find out more or provide feedback?

If you have additional comments or questions, feel free to contact our project team.

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Project Basics

- New 345 kV transmission line
- End points: proposed Ellendale 345 kV substation and proposed Big Stone South substation
- Project owners: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Company
- In service by 2019
- Approximate cost: \$293 million - \$370 million



Big Stone South to Ellendale

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WHAT'S INSIDE?

- Introduction to the right-of-way team and process
- Corridor Certificate and Route Permit Application filed in North Dakota
- Updated project schedule

Easement Negotiation Process



Determine route



Call landowner to set up a personal interview



Visit landowner's home to present offer

- Conduct a page-turn review of easement documents
- Answer questions and address concerns



Follow up with landowner

Easement Value

Several factors influence the final determination of the value of an easement, including county offer value, agricultural statistics, comparable sales data, acreage impact payment, impacts of other projects, and property damage payment.

MEET THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TEAM



Melissa Christensen

Hometown: Dilworth, MN
Employer: KLJ
Family: Husband Wade, one daughter, one son
Experience: Right-of-way database management, title summary and local permitting for transmission lines, aviation, distribution and water right-of-way efforts. Chapter 72 IRWA Member.



Kevin Cummings

Hometown: Detroit Lakes, MN
Employer: KLJ
Family: Wife Pamela, one daughter, one son
Experience: Title research, negotiation & acquisition experience with transmission lines. Seven years practice as a licensed MN Realtor. Chapter 72 IRWA Member.



Kelsey Erickson

Hometown: Bowman, ND
Employer: KLJ
Family: Parents Jan and Roger
Experience: : Title processes, documentation preparation, working with county tax director managing tax records, including land parcel splitting and title research. Chapter 72 IRWA Member.



Terry Fasteen

Hometown: Detroit Lakes, MN
Employer: KLJ
Family: Wife Kathryn, two sons, two grandchildren
Experience: 30 years in transmission line, aviation, distribution, rural water, and transportation right-of-way efforts. Currently the right-of-way Technical Area Manager for KLJ. Chapter 72 IRWA Member.



Brian Fjosne

Hometown: West Fargo, ND
Employer: KLJ
Family: Wife Margot, four sons, two grandsons
Experience: Title and easement work for transmission lines, rural water, county and township road work. 25 years in general sales. Chapter 72 IRWA Member.



Greg Frazier

Hometown: Moorhead, MN
Employer: KLJ
Family: Two brothers
Experience: Acquiring easements and title research for several projects and title research for surface owners and mineral title in the Williston Basin. Chapter 72 IRWA Member.



Travis Hoaglund

Hometown: Bismarck, ND
Employer: KLJ
Family: One brother
Experience: Mineral title, leasing, and production in the oil and gas industry. Also right-of-way efforts. Chapter 72 IRWA Member.



Bri Mostue

Hometown: Rothsay, MN
Employer: KLJ
Family: Parents Karen and Larry, one brother
Experience: Title search and landowner negotiations. Currently with KLJ in the right-of-way technical work area. Chapter 72 IRWA Member.



Karen Mostue

Hometown: Rothsay, MN
Employer: KLJ
Family: Two children, two dogs
Experience: 20 years in title research, title insurance, document preparation, and landowner negotiations. Licensed Real Estate Broker for ND and MN. Chapter 72 IRWA Member.



David Novstrup

Hometown: Aberdeen, SD
Employer: KLJ
Family: Wife Holly, two daughters
Experience: Four years in real estate and two years negotiating land options and/or rights-of-way.



Vicki Severson

Hometown: Battle Lake, MN
Employer: Otter Tail Power Co.
Family: Husband Bryan, two sons, six grandchildren
Experience: 36 years in public relations, marketing, and right-of-way areas. Has worked on several transmission line projects. Membership Chair for Chapter 72 IRWA/ and Prof. of the Year – 2012.



Chris Strand

Hometown: Bismarck, ND
Employer: KLJ
Experience: Right-of-way efforts for transmission line, roadway, water, mining, and oil and gas projects in title and mineral research. Chapter 72 IRWA Member.

Full Project Schedule:

2012 - 2013

Corridor and route development

August 2013

Filed a Facility Permit Application with SDPUC

Fall 2013

Began engineering design and right-of-way process

October 2013

SDPUC held two public hearings on the Facility Permit Application. Filed a Corridor Certificate and Route Permit Application with NDPSC.

2013 - 2016

Continue engineering design and right-of-way process

2016-2019

Construction

2019

Project in service

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