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

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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

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

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 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

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Power Delivered

Big Stone South to Ellendale
HDR Engineering
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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

1. Determine route
2. Call landowner to set up a personal interview
3. Visit landowner’s home to present offer
   - Conduct a page-turn review of easement documents
   - Answer questions and address concerns
4. 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 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: Title research, negotiation & acquisition experience with transmission lines. Seven years practice as a licensed MN Realtor. Chapter 72 IRWA Member.

Kevin Cummings
- Hometown: Detroit Lakes, MN
- Employer: KLJ
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Kelsey Erickson
- 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.

Brian Fjosne
- Hometown: West Fargo, ND
- Employer: KLJ
- Family: Wife Margot, four sons, two grandsons
- Experience: Title & 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 and title research. Chapter 72 IRWA Member.

Karen Mostue
- Hometown: Rothsay, MN
- Employer: KLJ
- Family: Husband Wade, one daughter, 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 right-of-way.

Vicki Severson
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Terry Fasteen
- Hometown: Detroit Lakes, MN
- Employer: KLJ
- Family: Wife Kathrynn, two sons, two grandchildren
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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.

Travis Haaglund
- Hometown: Bismarck, ND
- Employer: KLJ
- Family: One brother
- Experience: Title research, negotiation & acquisition experience with transmission lines. Seven years practice as a licensed MN Realtor. Chapter 72 IRWA Member.

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:

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