



**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**Minnesota Department of Commerce**  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Thursday, January 25, 2007 ♦ 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**  
**Dawson City Hall**  
**675 Chestnut Street**  
**Dawson, Minnesota**

**Certificate of Need and Route Permit Application**  
**By Ottertail Power Company**

**For the**  
**Appleton to Canby Transmission Project**  
**In Swift, Lac Qui Parle, and Yellow Medicine Counties, Minnesota**

**PUC Docket Numbers: E017/CN-06-677 & E017/TL-06-1265**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a Public Hearing will be held on an application by Ottertail Power Company (OTP) to rebuild an existing transmission line from 41.6 kilovolt (kV) to 115 kV between the Appleton Substation in northeast Appleton to the Canby Substation northeast of Canby, a distance of 42 miles. The public hearing will be held on **Thursday, January 25, 2007**, at the Dawson City Hall, 675 Chestnut Street, Dawson, MN. The hearing will convene at 3:00 p.m. and an evening session will be held commencing at 6:00 p.m.

**Administrative Law Judge**

Administrative Law Judge Ray Krause will preside at the hearing. Judge Krause's address is: Office of Administrative Hearings, 100 Washington Square, Suite 1700, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401-2138, phone: 612-341-7600, fax: 612-349-2665, email: [Ray.Krause@state.mn.us](mailto:Ray.Krause@state.mn.us)

**Project Description**

OTP proposes to rebuild an existing 42 mile transmission line from 41.6 kV to 115 kV between the Appleton and Canby substations (Project). OTP proposes several substation modifications to accommodate the higher voltage equipment associated with the rebuild. This will include an increase in the size of the Dawson Substation. The company has proposed moving the Canby Substation as part of the Big Stone proceedings (E017/TL-05-1275).

**Environmental Assessment**

The DOC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the proposed Project. The EA addresses alternatives to the Project, and the potential impacts of the proposed transmission line. The EA will be available for review at the hearing. Documents relevant to the Certificate of Need and Route Permit, including the EA, are available on the PUC webpage at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=18663>

## **Conduct of Hearing**

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Power Plant Siting Act, Minn. Stat. § 216E.001 to §216E.18, and the rules of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC), Minn. Rules parts 4400.2000 to 4400.2950, for projects of the size and type proposed here.

The DOC staff will be present at the hearing and make a brief presentation about the Project and introduce into the record a number of documents relating to the project, including the applications, the EA, and certain procedural documents. Representatives of OTP will be present to offer evidence and to answer questions. Members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions of DOC staff and OTP representatives, to make statements, and to offer written comments and material into the record at both the afternoon and evening sessions. Members of the public are not required to file any papers in advance of the hearing in order to participate.

Written comments regarding whether or not the Certificate of Need and the Route Permit should be granted for the Project should be submitted directly to Judge Krause at the address above. The time period for submitting comments will be set by the judge and will extend at least ten days beyond the close of the hearing to February 5, 2007. Written comments should include the PUC Docket Numbers for this proceeding.

## **Purpose of Hearing**

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on the application for a Certificate of Need and a Route Permit for the proposed Project. Upon closure of the public comment period, Judge Krause will compile the record for the PUC to consider in making a final decision on the permits requested. The PUC will make a final decision on the permits at a subsequent meeting.

## **Additional Information**

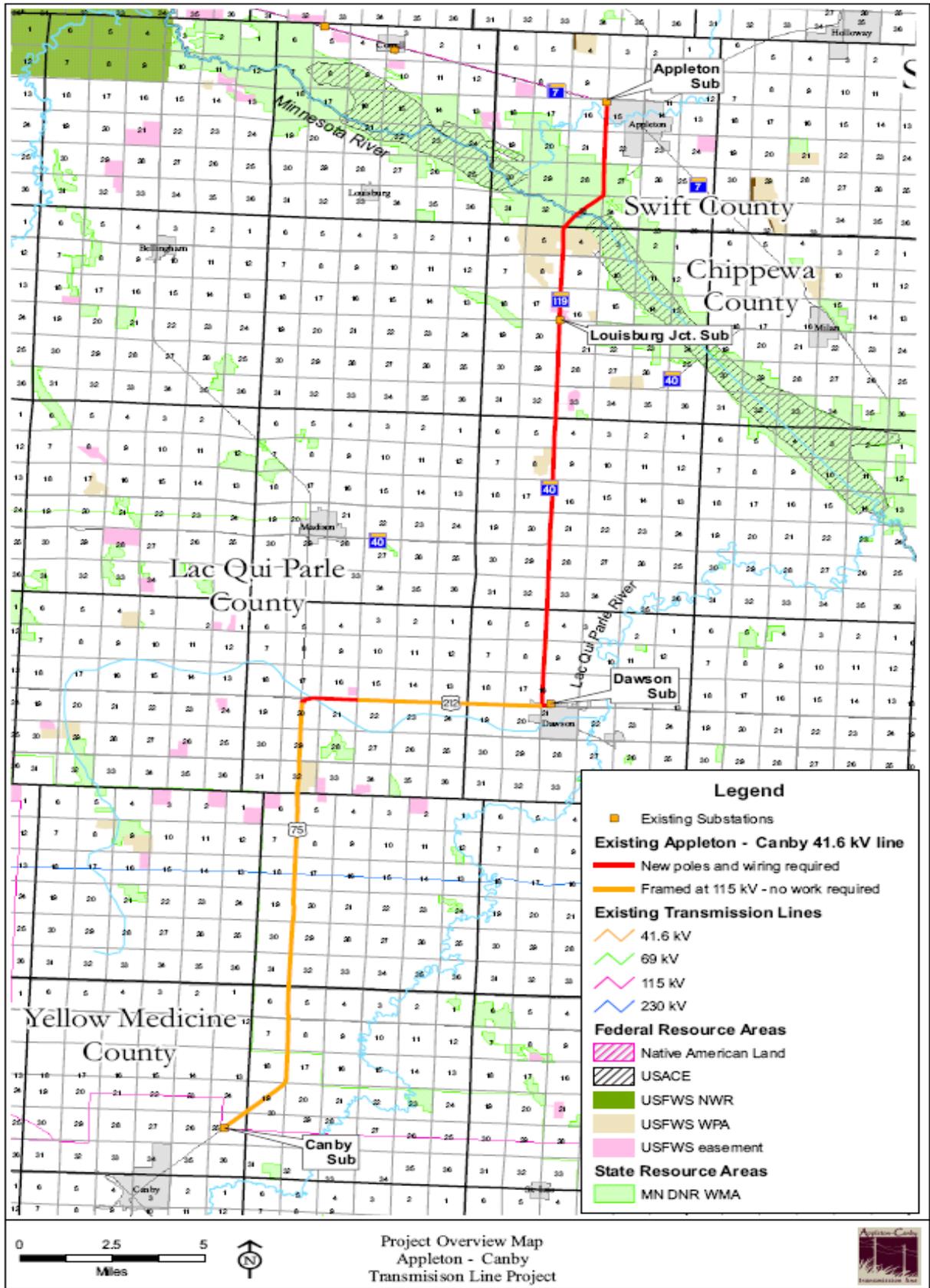
For more information about the process, the project or to place your name on the project mailing list, contact the DOC project manager, Jeffrey Haase (Tel: 651-297-5648 or [jeffrey.haase@state.mn.us](mailto:jeffrey.haase@state.mn.us)) or public advisor Deborah Pile, (Tel: 651-297-2375 or [deborah.pile@state.mn.us](mailto:deborah.pile@state.mn.us)) Department of Commerce, 85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-2198. Other contact information: Toll-Free Tel: 1-800-657-3794, Fax: 651-297-7891 or TTY: Minnesota Relay Service, 800-627-3529, and ask for the DOC.

Questions specific to the Certificate of Need should be directed to Bret Eknes at the Public Utilities Commission (Tel: 651.201.2236 or [bret.eknes@state.mn.us](mailto:bret.eknes@state.mn.us)).

## **Mailing List**

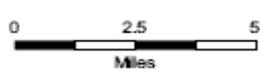
Any person may add his or her name to a mailing list maintained by the DOC for future mailings regarding this project. If you would like to receive notice of the PUC's final decision in this matter, you may put your name on this mailing list. Names can be added to the list by contacting Mr. Haase or by visiting the PUC website:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=18663>



**Legend**

- Existing Substations
- Existing Appleton - Canby 41.6 kV line
- New poles and wiring required
- Framed at 115 kV - no work required
- Existing Transmission Lines
  - 41.6 kV
  - 69 kV
  - 115 kV
  - 230 kV
- Federal Resource Areas
  - Native American Land
  - USACE
  - USFWS NWR
  - USFWS WPA
  - USFWS easement
- State Resource Areas
  - MN DNR WMA



Project Overview Map  
 Appleton - Canby  
 Transmission Line Project

