



STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of Energy Security



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC FOCUS GROUP MEETING

**In the Matter of the Route Permit Application for the Southdale to Scarcyville 115
Kilovolt High Voltage Transmission Line and Breaker Station**

Docket Number: E-T2/TL-08-712

The Office of Energy Security (OES) Energy Facility Permitting Staff (EFP) will hold a public focus group meeting at the location listed below on the route permit application by Great River Energy (GRE) and Minnesota Power (MP) to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for the proposed Southdale to Scarcyville project.

The purpose of the meeting is to specifically discuss concerns, suggest alternatives, and answer questions regarding proposed **Segment 2 and rejected Alternatives E & F** of the project proposal.

PUBLIC FOCUS GROUP MEETING
Tuesday, October 7, 2008 - 6:00 pm

Country Inn & Suites Meeting Room
15058 Dellwood Drive
Baxter, Minnesota 56425
(218) 828-2161

The focus group meeting will follow a town hall format allowing for discussion of the state's permitting process, proposed project specifics, public concerns, and suggested alternatives.

Project Description

The applicants propose to construct approximately 9.3 miles of new 115 kV high voltage transmission line and build a new 115 kV breaker station (Scarcyville Breaker Station) to be located in Crow Wing and Cass counties, Minnesota. The proposed project would extend from the west side of Baxter to the north end of Sylvan Township and would parallel existing utility and county/state highway rights-of-way for approximately 95 percent of the project.

The requested routes widths and lengths vary by segment and range from 100 feet to 700 feet in width. The proposed rights-of-way would also vary in width from 70 total feet along the proposed route that would follow CSAH 36, Little Pine Road, CSAH 18, and TH 210 to 100 total feet where the proposed transmission line would overtake and underbuild the existing MP 34.5 kV distribution line and the proposed section from CSAH 36 to Little Pine Road.

Minnesota Statutes and Rules governing the process are available on the following website (<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/TransmissionLines.html>).

Project Documents

A more detailed explanation of the proposed project is contained in the GRE and MP route permit application. Electronic versions of the application and other documents relevant to this matter are available on the Commission website or eDockets at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19634>
<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter Docket Number 08-712)

Persons interested in adding their names to the project mailing list should contact the OES project manager, public advisor, or register online at:
http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Users/user_registration.htm

Project Contacts

To submit comments, ask questions, or seek further information about this project please contact:

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