

**Public Information and Scoping Meeting
Kohlman Lake to Goose Lake
115 kV Transmission Line Project**

**PUC Docket No. E-002/TL-12-1151
April 23, 2013**



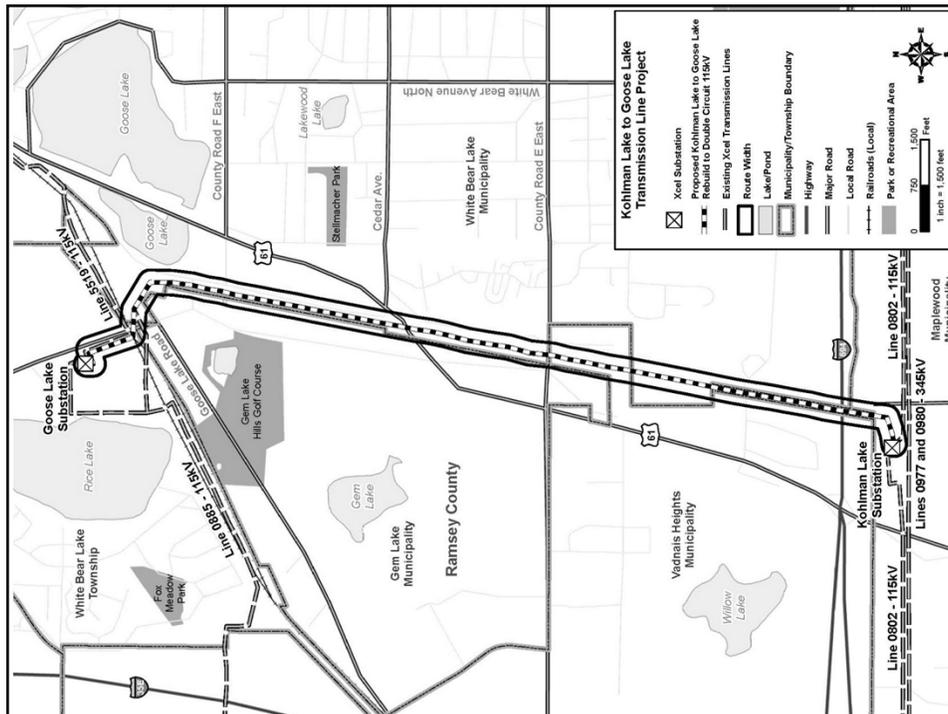
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
Minnesota Department of Commerce

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Proposed Project
3. Transmission Line Permitting Process
4. How to Participate
5. Environmental Review Process
6. Questions and Comments

Proposed Project

- Remove a 2.8-mile segment of 115 kV transmission line and structures (two lattice towers and 39 steel poles).
- Construct 2.8 miles of new 115/115 kV double circuit transmission line and structures (38 steel poles) using approximately the same alignment.
- Install new equipment at the Kohlman Lake and Goose Lake substations.



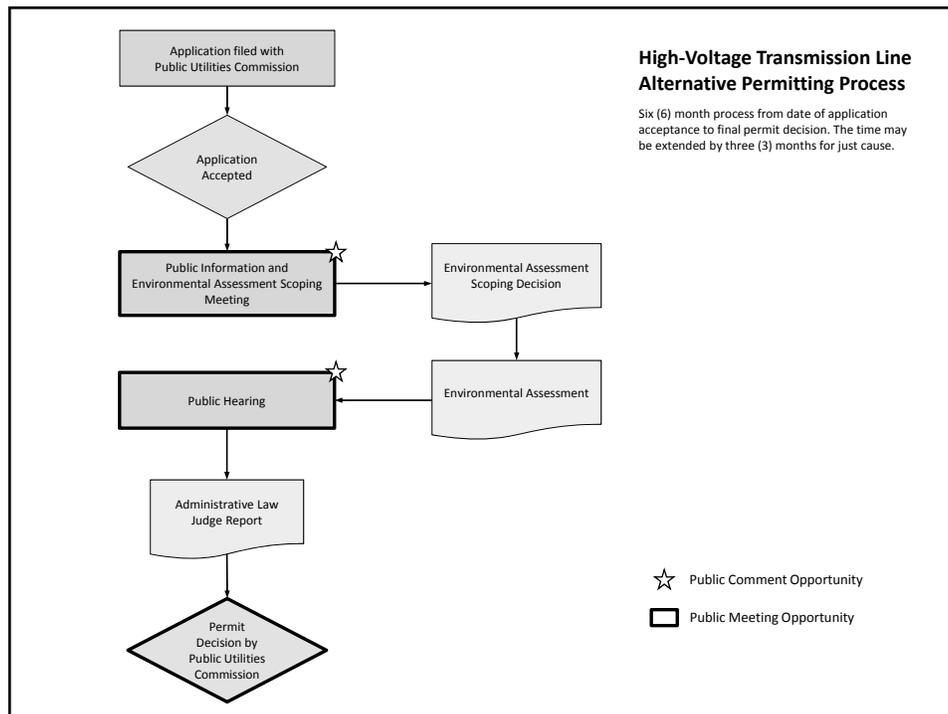
Typical Existing Structure			Typical Proposed Structure
Line Type 115 kV Single Circuit			Line Type 115/115 kV Double Circuit
Structure Type Single Pole, Davit Arm			Structure Type Single Pole, Davit Arm
Foundation Concrete			Foundation Concrete
Material Steel (Painted)			Material Steel (Galvanized or Weathering)
Average Height ~75 feet			Average Height 80-90 feet
Span 250-350 feet			Span 300-500 feet

Permitting Process

- In Minnesota, no person may construct a high-voltage transmission line without a **route permit** from the Public Utilities Commission.
- A **high-voltage transmission line** is a conductor of electric energy designed for and capable of operating at a voltage of 100 kV or more and is greater than 1,500 feet in length.
- The proposed project is being to be reviewed under the **alternative permitting process** because it is a transmission line between 100 kV and 200 kV.

Permitting Process

- The **Public Utilities Commission** is the government unit that issues high-voltage transmission line route permits in Minnesota.
- The **Department of Commerce** manages the environmental review process and prepares an Environmental Assessment of the proposed project.
- An Administrative Law Judge from the **Office of Administrative Hearings** will facilitate a public hearing and provide a report to the Commission setting forth findings, conclusions, and recommendations on the proposed project.



Schedule

Application Acceptance	March 15, 2013
Public Information & Scoping Meeting	April 23, 2013
Deadline for Comments on Scope of Environmental Assessment	May 10, 2013
Environmental Assessment Scoping Decision Issued	June 2013
Environmental Assessment Completed	August 2013
Public Hearing	September-October 2013
Administrative Law Judge's Report	October-November 2013
Commission's Permit Decision	November-December 2013

Information

Public Utilities Commission/eDockets: www.puc.state.mn.us

- Click on "Search eDockets"
- Under Basic Search, enter the Year ("12") and the Docket Number ("1151"), click "Search"

Department of Commerce: mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities

- Click on "Transmission Lines"
- Scroll down to Docket Number 12-1151, click on "Kohlman Lake to Goose Lake 115 kV Transmission Line Project"

Direct Link: mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=33013

More Information

Project Mailing List

- Fill-out and sign mailing list sign-up cards at meeting.
- Go online to:
<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/#mailing>

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Environmental Review

Scope of the Environmental Assessment (EA)

- Issues / Impacts to Examine
- Mitigation Strategies to Analyze
- Route Alternatives to Consider

Environmental Review - Comments

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“A person desiring that a particular site or route be evaluated shall submit to the commissioner, during the scoping process, an explanation of why the site or route should be included in the environmental assessment and all supporting information the person wants the commissioner to consider.”
Minnesota Rule 7850.3700

Environmental Review - Comments

- Verbal Comments at Tonight's Meeting
- Complete and Submit a Comment Sheet
- Comment On-Line
<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities>
- Mail, Fax, or Email a Comment
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- Comments Period Ends: **May 10, 2012**

Environmental Review - Commenting

- One Speaker at a Time
- Please Limit Comments to a Few Minutes
- Please State and Spell Your Name for the Court Reporter
- Maintain Respect for Others
- Direct Your Comments / Questions to the Scope of the EA