

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of ITC Midwest  
LLC for a Certificate of Need and Route  
Permit for the Minnesota-Iowa 345 kV  
Transmission Line Project in Jackson, Martin,  
and Faribault Counties

**SCHEDULING ORDER**

This matter came before Administrative Law Judge James E. LaFave for a Scheduling Conference on August 27, 2013.

Lisa Agrimonti, Briggs and Morgan, PA, appeared on behalf of the Applicant ITC Midwest LLC. Mathew S. Carstens of ITC Midwest LLC also appeared.

Scott Ek appeared on behalf of the Public Utilities Commission.

Deborah Pile, and Ray Kirsch, appeared on behalf of the Energy Facilities Permitting Unit of the Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC-EFP). Linda S. Jensen, Assistant Attorney General, also appeared on behalf of DOC-EFP in the Route Permit proceeding, E002/TL-12-401.

Julia Anderson, Assistant Attorney General, appeared on behalf of the Minnesota Department of Commerce Division of Energy Resources (DOC-DER) regarding the Certificate of Need proceeding.

Beth Goodpaster, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, appeared on behalf of Intervenor, Wind on the Wires, regarding the Certificate of Need proceeding.

Jeffrey L. Small, Counsel for the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. and Warren J. Day, Law Office of Warren J. Day, appeared on behalf of Intervenor, The Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Based upon the submission of the parties and the hearing record,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. The following schedule is adopted for the Certificate of Need MPUC ET-6675/CN-12-1053 and Route Permit in MPUC ET-6675/TL-12-1337 proceedings.

**SCHEDULING ORDER FOR COMBINED CERTIFICATE OF NEED AND ROUTE PERMIT PROCEEDINGS**

Event	Date
Intervention deadline	January 15, 2014
ITC files Direct Testimony	January 24, 2014
Other Parties file Direct Testimony DOC-EFP files initial comments in Route Permit proceeding	February 28, 2014
Parties file Rebuttal Testimony DOC-EFP files responsive comments in Route Permit proceeding	March 21, 2014
Public hearings (Jackson, Martin, and Faribault counties)	Week of April 7, 2014
Deadline for foundation objections	April 10, 2014
Evidentiary hearings (St. Paul)	Week of April 14, 2014
Deadline for Public Comments, Record closes	April 25, 2014
Parties file initial Post-Hearing Brief, Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law DOC-EFP files Initial comments in Route Permit proceeding including conclusions as to the most appropriate route(s) and conditions	June 4, 2014
Parties file Response Briefs, Substitute Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law DOC-EFP files responsive comments in Route Permit proceeding	June 18, 2013

Event	Date
ALJ Report	July 18, 2014
Exceptions	August 4, 2014

Dated: September 16, 2013

s/James E. LaFave  
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JAMES E. LAFAVE  
Administrative Law Judge