

**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
BEFORE THE  
MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Beverly Jones Heydinger	Chair
David C. Boyd	Commissioner
Nancy Lange	Commissioner
J. Dennis O'Brien	Commissioner
Betsy Wergin	Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ITC MIDWEST LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR THE MINNESOTA-IOWA 345 kV TRANSMISSION PROJECT IN JACKSON, MARTIN, AND FARIBAULT COUNTIES, MINNESOTA	MPUC Docket No. ET6675/CN-12-1053  <b>SUMMARY OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED FILING</b>
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On March 22, 2013, ITC Midwest LLC filed an application with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for a Certificate of Need to construct its Minnesota - Iowa 345 kV Transmission Project. In Minnesota, ITC Midwest proposes to build a 345 kV line from its existing Lakefield Junction Substation in Jackson County, Minnesota to a new Huntley Substation, to be located south of the existing Winnebago Junction Substation, in Faribault County. From the Huntley Substation, the 345 kV transmission line will continue south across the Iowa border, near Elmore, Minnesota, and into Kossuth County to interconnect with new 345 kV facilities proposed to be built in Iowa. The Minnesota portion of the Minnesota - Iowa 345 kV Transmission Project is approximately 75 miles long, and the Iowa portion is approximately 25 miles long.

The Minnesota - Iowa 345 kV Transmission Project comprises a portion of MVP Project 3, part of the portfolio of multi-value projects ("MVP") proposed by the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. Other portions of MVP Project 3 will be constructed in Iowa by MidAmerican Energy Company.

MVP Project 3 will alleviate constraints of the transmission system in southern Minnesota and significantly increase the outlet capacity for new generation, specifically including wind generation, in southern Minnesota and northern Iowa. MVP Project 3 will also improve the reliability of the transmission system

in southern Minnesota and the region. These capacity and reliability improvements will facilitate more efficient, cost-effective delivery of energy.

A copy of ITC Midwest's Application for a Certificate of Need for the Minnesota - Iowa 345 kV Project is available at the Commission's website:

<http://www.puc.state.mn.us/PUC/index.html>

On the Commission's homepage, click on the "Search e-Dockets" link, and then enter the docket number "12-1053" in the docket look up box. A copy of this Application is also available on ITC Midwest's website:

[www.itctransco.com/minnesota-iowa-project](http://www.itctransco.com/minnesota-iowa-project)