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Pillsbury tap 115-kV transmission line project

Great River Energy, wholesale electric supplier to Stearns Electric Association, is planning to build approximately two miles of new 115,000-volt (115-kilovolt) overhead transmission line in Bruce Township, in southern Todd County. The transmission line is needed to enable Stearns Electric Association to maintain the reliability of their existing Pillsbury Substation to be able to reliably serve their members' electrical power needs.

Typical 115-kV single circuit structure and 115-kV with braced posts.

Overview

This project will include the construction of approximately two miles of transmission line from the Pillsbury Substation, which is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Grosbeak Road and County Road 105. The proposed route travels south approximately two miles along County Road 105 where it will connect to an existing transmission line operated by Minnesota Power.

Public involvement

Great River Energy will hold a meeting in the form of an "open house" to provide project information. You are invited to attend the open house to review the project details and provide input.

Great River Energy and Stearns Electric Association staff will be available at the open house to discuss the project schedule and construction activities, as well as answer any questions.

Permits and easements

The project will require a Route Permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission or Todd County prior to any construction commencing. In addition, Great River Energy will work with other state, county, township and local authorities to acquire all approvals necessary to complete the work. Great River Energy will contact landowners along the proposed transmission line route to discuss easement agreements, tree removal, construction access and practices, and restoration.

About Great River Energy

Great River Energy is a not-for-profit wholesale electric power cooperative which provides electricity to approximately 1.7 million people through its 27 member-owner cooperatives and customers. Through our member-owners, we serve two-thirds of Minnesota geographically and parts of Wisconsin.

Schedule

Notifications	Fall 2024
Project permitting	2025 – 2027
Survey/design	Spring 2027 – Summer 2028
Easements/ Environmental permits	Spring – Winter 2027
Transmission line construction	Spring – Fall 2028
Energization	Oct 2028

Quick facts

Length – Approximately 2 miles
Voltage – 115-kV
Structures – Wood poles
Spans – 350 to 400 feet apart
Right of way – 100-feet-wide (50 feet each side of center of pole line)

Proposed project

Great River Energy representatives

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