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Kimball Substation & 115-kV transmission line

Great River Energy, wholesale electric supplier to Meeker Energy, is proposing to build approximately four miles of new 115,000-volt (115-kilovolt or 115-kV) overhead transmission line in Maine Prairie and Luxemburg Townships in Stearns County. The transmission line is needed to power a planned new Kimball Substation along Caldron Road so that Meeker Energy can continue to reliably serve its members' electrical power needs.

Overview

This project will include the construction of approximately four miles of transmission line between Great River Energy's existing ME-BW 115-kV transmission line and Meeker Energy's new substation along Caldron Road in Maine Prairie Township. See map on back. Great River Energy is currently considering two route alternatives for the new transmission line as depicted on the map. Your input is important in deciding the route. Direct-embedded steel structures with heights between 70 and 90 feet above grade and spans between 400 and 500 feet will be used for the transmission line.

Permits and easements

The project requires a route permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) before any construction activities can begin. The MPUC encourages outreach with nearby landowners, state and local agencies, and governments prior to submitting a route permit application. Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216I requires all route permit applications to include only one route. Landowner and agency input will affect which route alternative is proposed in the application.



Typical 115-kV braced-post structures.

If the MPUC issues a route permit, Great River will work with county, township and local authorities to acquire all approvals necessary to complete the work. Landowners along the proposed line route will also be contacted to discuss easement agreements, tree removal, construction access and practices, and restoration.

Public involvement

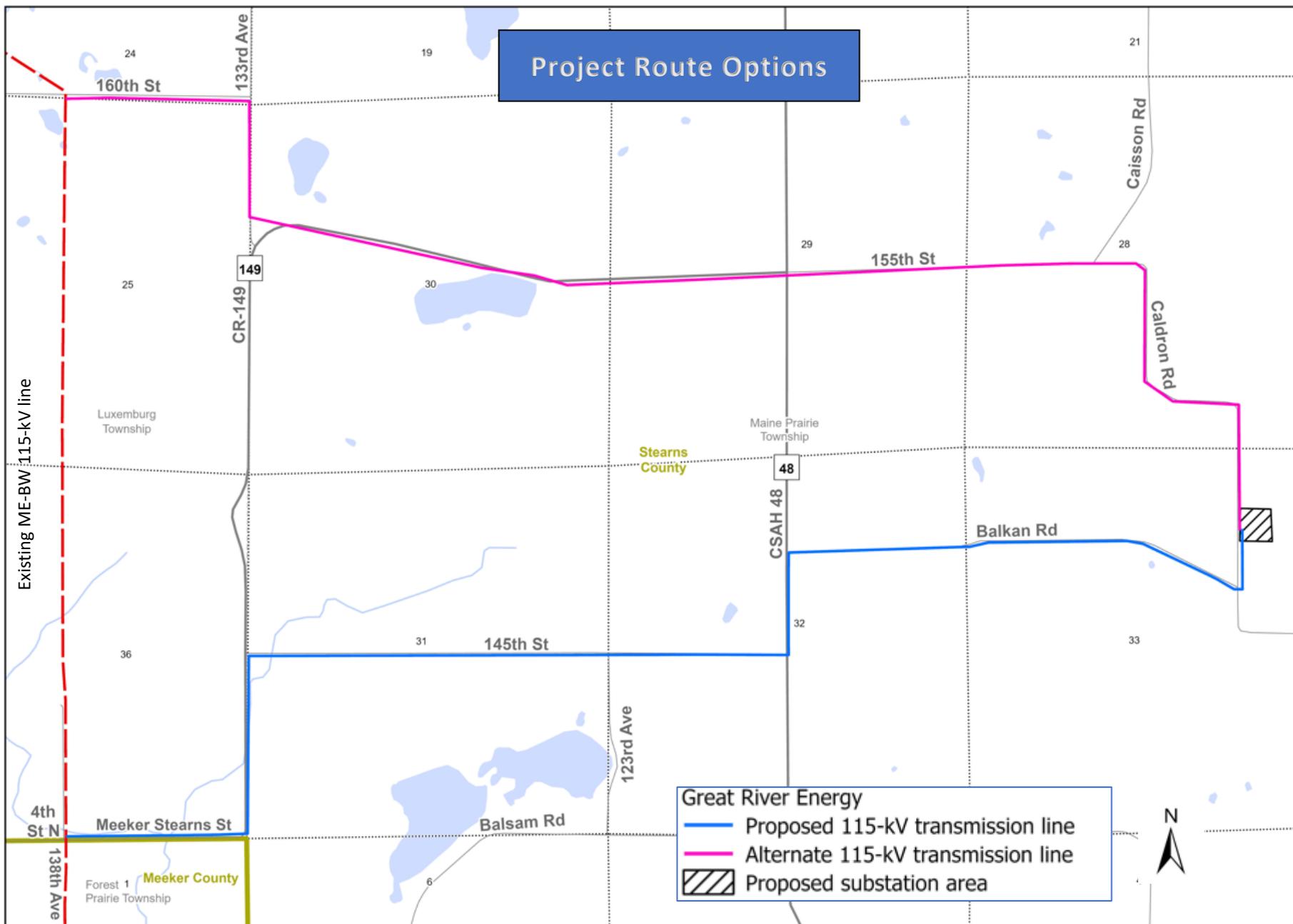
In addition to Great River Energy's early outreach, the MPUC's route permitting process includes opportunities for interested parties to engage and comment on the project. Property owners along the route will be notified when an application is filed and when the MPUC holds public meetings seeking interested parties' input.

Schedule

MPUC permitting	Q1 2026 – Q1 2027
Survey/design	Q2 2027 – Q3 2028
Easements/ Environmental permits	Q2 2028 – Q4 2028
Construction start	Q3 2028
Energization	Q2 2029

Quick facts

- Length** – Approximately 4 miles
- Structures** – Direct-embedded steel poles 70 to 90 feet above grade
- Spans** – 400 to 500 feet apart
- Right of way** – 100-foot-wide (50 feet each side of pole centerline)



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