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Public invited to learn about new 345-kV transmission line to support grid reliability and regional growth

Duluth, Minn. — Minnesota Power, Otter Tail Power Company, and Great River Energy will host a series of open houses this month where members of the public can learn about the proposed Maple River – Cuyuna 345 kV Transmission Project, known as the MR-C Transmission Project.

The proposed project is a new, approximately 160-mile-long, single-circuit 345-kV transmission line on double-circuit capable structures from Minnesota Power's Cuyuna Substation near Riverton, Minnesota, to Otter Tail Power Company's Maple River Substation near Fargo, North Dakota. Approximately 95% of the project will be in Minnesota.

The MR-C Transmission Project is one in a portfolio of transmission projects approved by the regional grid operator, Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), in its 2024 Long-Range Transmission Planning portfolio. As a part of this larger portfolio, the MR-C Transmission Project will:

- Enhance the reliability of the regional transmission system as the way we produce and use electricity changes.
- Increase transmission system capacity to reliably deliver energy from where it's produced to where it's used.
- Meet growing electrical demand and enhance resiliency during extreme weather events.
- Enable cost-effective regional energy transfers supporting economical grid operations.

The open houses are an opportunity for the public to learn more about the project, ask questions, and provide valuable input to determine the best possible route for the project. Project displays and detailed maps will be available for review, and project team members will be on hand to answer questions.

Here is the open house schedule:

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| Monday, June 23 1:00-3:00 PM Glyndon Community Center 212 Partridge Avenue SE Glyndon, MN 56547 6:00-8:00 PM Harwood Community Center 210 Freedland Dr Harwood, ND 58042 | Tuesday, June 24 1:00-3:00 PM Big Wood Event Center 925 Western Ave Fergus Falls, MN 56537 6:00-8:00 PM Barnesville Event Center 102 Front Street North Barnesville, MN 56514 | Wednesday, June 25 Noon-2:00 PM MN State Community and Technical College- Detroit Lakes Campus 900 Highway 34 E Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 5:00-7:00 PM Maslowski Wellness & Research Center 17 5th St SW Wadena, MN 56482 |
| Thursday, June 26 1:00-3:00 PM Park Rapids American Legion Otto Hendricks on Post 212 900 East 1st Street Park Rapids, MN 56470 6:00-8:00 PM Pine River-Backus Public High School 401 Murray Ave Pine River, MN 56474 | Monday, June 30 1:00-3:00 PM The Lodge at Brainerd Lakes 6967 Lake Forest Rd Baxter, MN 56425 6:00-8:00 PM Taconite Canteen & Event Center 240 Curtis Ave Ironton, MN 56455 | |

More information about the project and a map of the initial study area will be available at mrctransmissionproject.com. To ask a question, leave a comment, or be added to the project mailing list, send an email to connect@MRCTransmissionProject.com or call the project hotline at 1-888-419-5670.

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