

Siting and Routing of Energy Facilities

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is responsible for the siting and routing of certain energy facilities, including power plants, transmission lines, wind farms, and pipelines. The Minnesota Legislature has established state policy to locate energy facilities in an orderly manner compatible with environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources.

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Public Participation

The Commission encourages and relies upon public participation in making siting and routing decisions. A number of tools are offered here to assist citizens in discovering, tracking, and commenting on energy facility projects proposed for their communities.

You can search for projects by type (e.g., transmission line) and location (e.g. Brown County) in the [project database](#). You can find an overview of how to participate in the Commission's permitting processes and what to expect in the processes by clicking the "How to Participate" tab above. | [Cómo participar](#).



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[Public Notice - GNTL Project - Public Utilities Commission Final Decision](#)

On April 8, 2016, the Public Utilities Commission published an ORDER ISSUING ROUTE PERMIT (Order) to Minnesota Power for the Great Northern 500 kV Transmission Line Project | [Notice details](#)

[Notice of Availability of Scoping EAW and Draft Scope for Sandpiper Pipeline and Line 3 Replacement Projects and Schedule for EIS Scoping Meetings](#)

The Department of Commerce has issued the scoping environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) and the draft scoping decision document for the Sandpiper Pipeline and Line 3 Replacement Projects. Public information and scoping meetings will be held April 25 through May 11, 2016, in multiple Minnesota communities. Comments on the scope of the environmental impact statements that will be prepared for the projects will be accepted through May 26, 2016. | [Notice details](#)

[Notice of Environmental Assessment for the Bull Moose Transmission Line Project](#)

EERA issued the Environmental Assessment for the Bull Moose Transmission Line Project located in Cass County, Minnesota | [Notice details](#)

[Notice of Environmental Assessment Scoping Decision for the Black Dog Unit 6 Project](#)

The Deputy Commissioner of Commerce has issued a decision on the scope of the environmental assessment to be prepared for the Black Dog Unit 6 Project in Burnsville, Minnesota. The EA is scheduled to be issued in May 2016. | [Notice details](#)

[Notice of Informational Meeting for the Rochester Natural Gas Pipeline Project](#)

Public information and comparative environmental analysis scoping meetings will be held at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 29, 2016, in Rochester, Minnesota. Comments on the scope (or content) of the comparative environmental analysis for the proposed project will be accepted through Wednesday, April 13, 2016. | [Notice details](#)