



Big Stone South
to Hankinson to Bison

July 23, 2026

Project: BSSHB 345-kV Transmission Line
Parcel(s): 18-0000-03674.000, 18-0000-03675.000, 18-0000-03650.000
Subject: Request for Survey Permission

Dear Property Owner,

To help meet electric demands and bolster grid reliability and resiliency for our customers, **Otter Tail Power Company & Xcel Energy** are working together to develop, construct, and co-own the Big Stone South to Hankinson to Bison (BSSHB) 345-kV transmission line. This line will strengthen the electric system across the region, making it more reliable and better able to recover during emergencies or periods of high demand today and in the future. Please review the enclosed project handout and visit the project website for additional project details.

Request for Survey Permission

As a next step in the planning process, we are requesting permission to access a portion of your property to complete survey work that helps evaluate potential routes. The enclosed Right of Entry for Survey form outlines this request.

By signing the form, you are granting permission for:

- Land surveys, soil borings, and other data gathering activities.
- Access by the companies, its agents, and contractors to conduct survey work.
- Activities intended to be completed with minimal disturbance to you, your tenants, and your land.

Signing the form does not grant:

- Permission to construct the transmission line on your property.
- An easement or any transfer of property rights.

Property owners will be contacted before contractors enter the property to perform the activities described above. Please share any specific access instructions on the Survey Permission form or directly with the assigned land agent.

If the form meets your approval, **please sign and return one copy in the enclosed envelope.** The second copy is provided for your records.



Otter Tail Power and Xcel are partnering with HDR, Inc., to support the right-of-way activities for this project. The right-of-way agent listed below will contact you to introduce themselves, discuss the project, and answer questions about route development, survey permissions, easement acquisition, and the construction process.

Peter Wyatt
952-254-8205
Peter.Wyatt@hdrinc.com

We are committed to keeping you informed as the project progresses. Your input and engagement are encouraged and welcomed.

Sincerely,



Shauna Laber
Manager, Land Rights and Survey
Otter Tail Power Company



Wade Whitworth
Right of Way Lead, HDR, Inc.

Enclosures

- *BSSHB Project Overview Brochure*
- *BSSHB Right of Entry for Survey Form*
- *Parcel Map*
- *Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope*

Memo



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Right of Entry for Survey

Landowner Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Preferred contact method: Phone Text Mail Email - email address: _____

Phone: Primary () _____ - _____ Alternate () _____ - _____

Tenant name / contact information (if applicable) _____

Project Land Agent and contact: **Peter Wyatt, 952-254-8205**

Is the landowner related to anyone who works at OTP: Y / N

If yes, name/relationship: _____

I/we ("Grantor," whether one or more) hereby grant to **Otter Tail Power Company**, a Minnesota corporation, and **Northern States Power Company**, a Minnesota corporation (together, "Grantee"), and its respective employees, agents, and representatives, with respect to the property owned by me in:

NW1/4 EXC I-29 ROW 28 132 49 LOU ANN SCHERER LIVING TRUST Of Section 28, Township 132N
Range 49W,

NE1/4 EXC I-29 ROW 33 132 49 LOU ANN SCHERER LIVING TRUST Of Section 33, Township 132N
Range 49W,

SE1/4 EXC I-29 ROW 33 132 49 LOU ANN SCHERER LIVING TRUST Of Section 33, Township 132N
Range 49W,

County of **Richland**, State of North Dakota (the "Property"), the rights to access and enter upon the Property for the purpose of doing those things reasonably convenient or necessary to study, survey, test, and plan for the development of their project, including but not limited to, conducting a hazardous substances investigation and conducting a feasibility study which may include such activities as testing soil conditions, soil borings, geological tests, engineering reports, topographic studies, environmental impact reports, and any other tests and studies which may need to be performed on the Property, in Grantee's sole discretion.

Grantee will restore the Property to substantially the same condition as the Property was in at the time Grantee entered the Property pursuant to this document, including the filling of test holes. Grantee agrees to pay the Grantor a settlement, in an amount determined by mutual agreement of the parties for any unrestored, direct damage to the Property, including crop damage.

Grantee will indemnify, defend, and hold Grantor harmless from all third party claims and damages asserted against Grantor that arise out of any such entry by Grantee onto the Property or Grantee's exercise of its rights hereunder, unless the claims or damages are caused by the negligence or intentional misconduct of Grantor, or Grantee's agent, and except that Grantee shall not have any obligation with respect to any hazardous materials located in, on, under or about the Property prior to its entry onto the Property or thereafter to the extent not stored, released or disposed of by Grantee.

This agreement shall be binding upon Grantor's and Grantee's respective successors and assigns. The undersigned Grantor represents s/he has the authority to sign this document, shall provide actual notice of this document to any prospective successor(s)-in-interest or assignee(s) and shall not transfer the Property without prior notice to Grantee.

Notes/Special Conditions/Access Points:

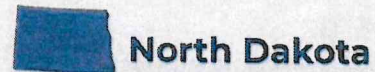
Owner: _____

Date: _____

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Date: _____

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North Dakota



Powering progress across North Dakota and South Dakota

The electric grid began taking shape in the 1930s, when rural electrification brought power to farms and small towns. By the 1970s, the regional grid was developed, built strong enough to outlast its original purpose and even anticipate growth. Two generations later, electricity is integrated into our lives in ways those planners could never have dreamed.

Imagine a future for North Dakota and South Dakota that's defined by a resilient, reliable electric grid that supports rural living and thriving communities. The Big Stone South to Hankinson to Bison transmission line will help bring this future to life. Spanning approximately 150 miles, this 345-kilovolt (kV) line would run from Otter Tail Power's Big Stone South Substation in South Dakota to its Hankinson Substation in North Dakota, then continue to Xcel Energy's Bison Substation near Mapleton, North Dakota. Otter Tail Power will lead development and construction.

Big Stone South to Hankinson to Bison (BSSHB) will add approximately 150 miles of 345-kV transmission line across North Dakota and South Dakota, helping to:



Enhance electric reliability



Increase resiliency to extreme weather events



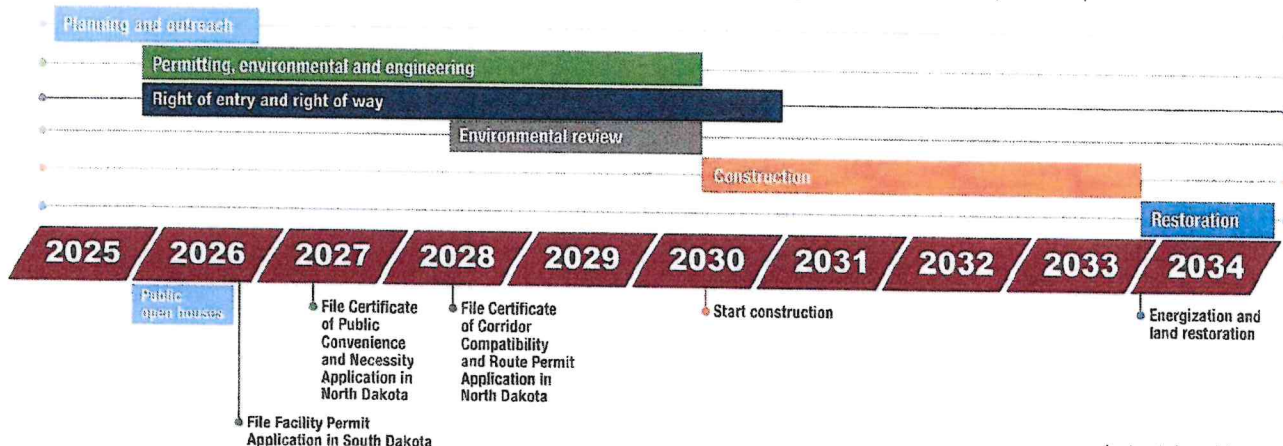
Reduce transmission congestion



Increase access to low-cost energy

Schedule

Developing and constructing a transmission line is a multi-year effort. We'll coordinate with landowners, local governments, agencies, Tribal Nations, and other stakeholders throughout the development process.



*schedule subject to change

Contact us



1-888-806-4743

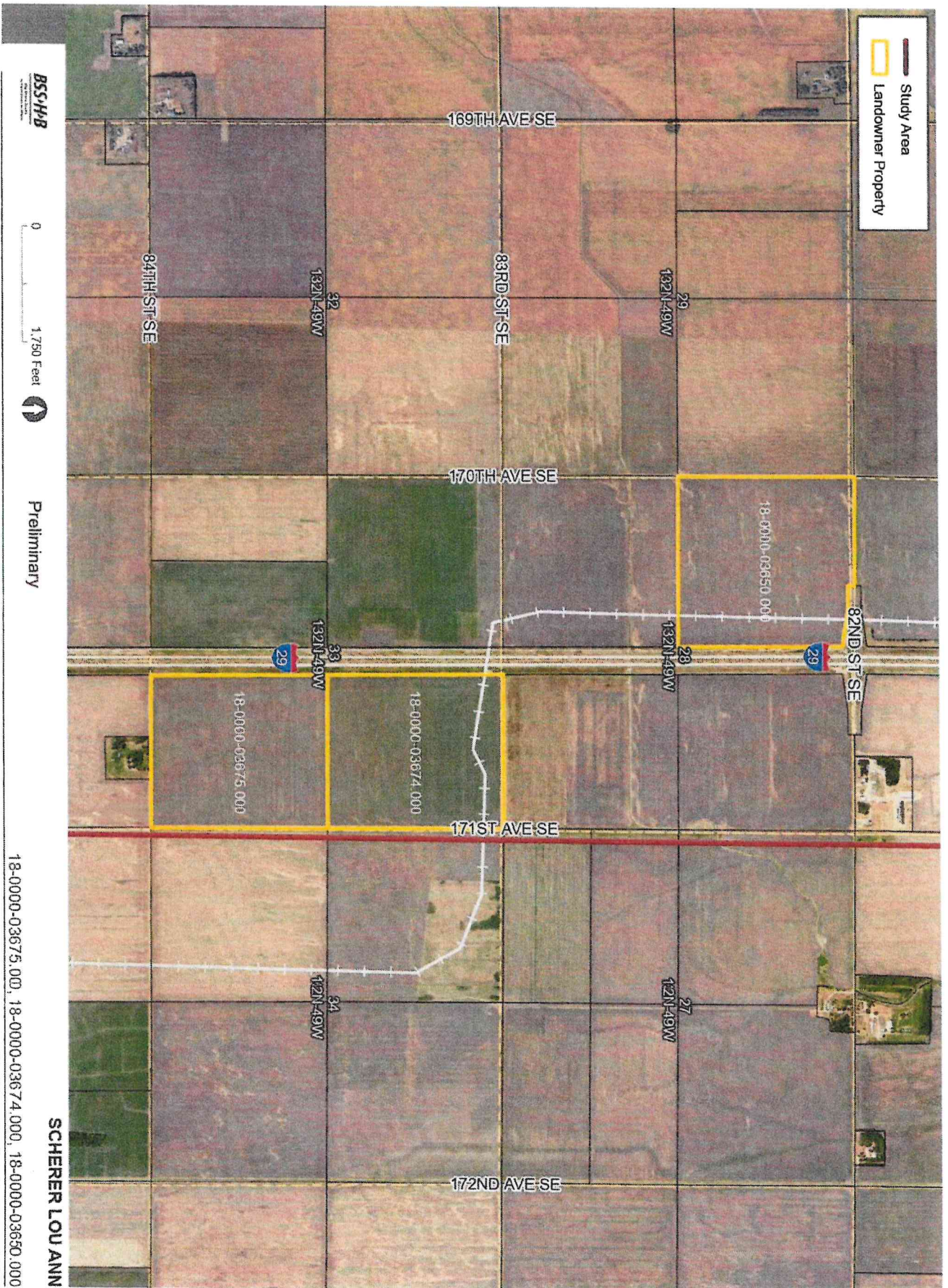


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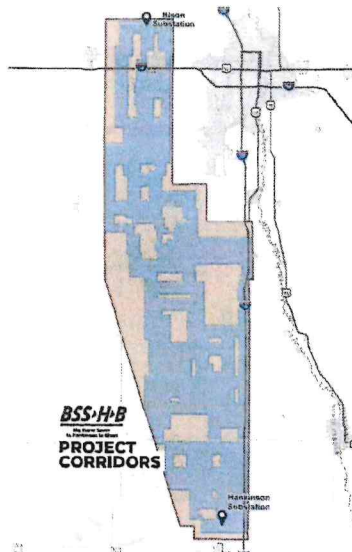
Big Stone South to Hankinson 345kV

Routing

To develop a new transmission line route, we start with a study area—a broad region between the substations.

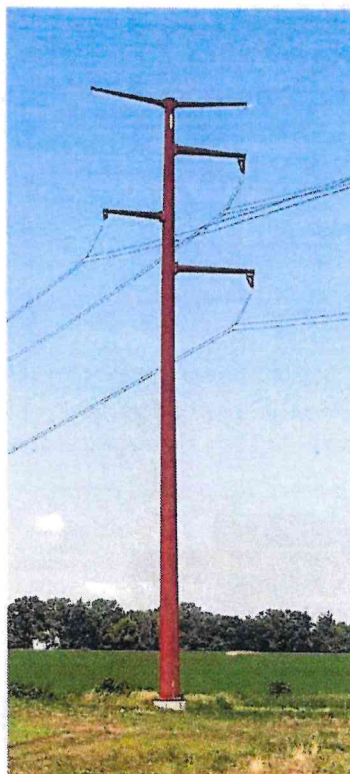
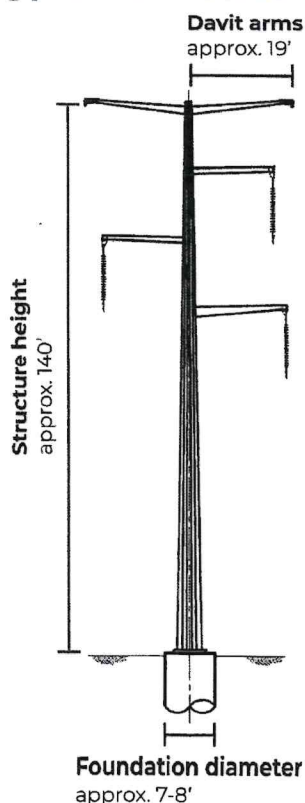
A study area typically includes several counties and communities, as you'll see on the map.

First, we identify avoidance areas and constraints across the study area and narrow the study area to one- to two-mile-wide corridor where a transmission line could feasibly go. Public input is then used to help refine the corridors into preliminary routes.



- Preliminary corridors
- Hankinson to Bison study area
- Project substations
- *Subject to change

Typical structure



Routing process

1 Define study area



2 Identify project corridors



We are here

3 Host public open houses



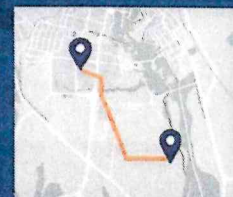
4 Develop preliminary routes



5 Host public open houses



6 Propose route



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