



NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT SCOPING DECISION

In the Matter of the Certificate of Need and Route Permit Applications for the Mankato – Mississippi River 345 kV Transmission Line Project in Southeast Minnesota

Docket No. E-002/CN-22-532

Docket No. E-002/TL-23-157

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) has issued the scoping decision for the environmental impact statement (EIS) that will be prepared for the proposed Mankato – Mississippi River 345 kV Transmission Line Project.

The EIS will be prepared by the Department's Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff and will address the potential human and environmental impacts of the project. The scoping decision identifies those issues that will be studied, as well as those that will not be addressed.

The scoping decision and other relevant documents are available:

- On the Department's website: <https://apps.commerce.state.mn.us/web/project/15507>.
- On the State of Minnesota's eDockets system: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/documents> (enter Docket #22-532 for the certificate of need and Docket #23-157 for the route permit).

A draft EIS is scheduled to be completed in June 2025. Public hearings will be held in the project area after the draft EIS is complete and available for public review. These hearings will be noticed separately.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact the EERA environmental review manager Richard Davis (651-539-1846, richard.davis@state.mn.us) or the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's public advisor Trevor Culbertson (651-201-2195, trevor.culbertson@state.mn.us).

To place your name on the project mailing list, email docketing.puc@state.mn.us or call Leesa Norton at 651-201-2246 with the docket number (22-532 and/or 23-157), your name, email address, and mailing address. Please indicate how you would like to receive notices—by email or U.S. mail. Placing your name on the project mailing list ensures that you receive the most up-to-date information about the project.

This notice and the scoping decision can be made available in alternative formats, that is, large print or audio, by calling 651-539-1530 (voice). Persons with a hearing or speech impairment may call using their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.