

Routing open house meetings – August 2026

PowerOn Midwest began its comprehensive outreach efforts in October 2025. The route development process included open houses between June 2 – 12, 2026. A second round of open houses took place between August 4 – 13. The goal of the meetings was to introduce the primary and alternative route proposals under consideration, answer questions, gather comments, connect with potentially impacted stakeholders, and share how they can participate. PowerOn Midwest will use information gathered at open houses and other relevant criteria to develop a route proposal to submit to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in early 2027.

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PowerOn Midwest website at
PowerOnMidwest.com

- 29,162 website views between July 29 and August 28
- Interactive map to leave comments



Notifications

Landowner postcard

Postcards were sent to **46,530** landowners, elected officials, and tribal nations in the Project Study Area. The postcards were mailed July 23, 2026.

Join us for an open house in your community

Take this opportunity to learn about PowerOn Midwest. We'll discuss the latest route options, answer questions, and take your input.

Visit our website to view the refined route options.

No formal presentation, drop in anytime

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Upcoming transmission line open houses

Attend an upcoming routing open house

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Event Number	Date & Time	Location
1	August 4, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Lake Benton Community Center 114 Center St. S, Lake Benton, MN 56149
2	August 4, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	St. Leo Catholic Church Gym 415 S Hiawatha Ave., Pipestone, MN 56164
3	August 5, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Luverne Generations Events 105 S Estey St., Luverne, MN 56156
4	August 5, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Murray County Central Gym 2420 28th St., Slayton, MN 56172
5	August 6, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Worthington Event Center 1447 Prairie Dr., Worthington, MN 56187
6	August 6, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Fox Lake Event Center 730 125th St., Sherburn, MN 56171
7	August 11, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Jackson County Central High School Gym 1128 North Hwy., Jackson, MN 56143
8	August 11, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Golden Bubble 11575 State Hwy 22, Wells, MN 56097
9	August 12, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Wedgewood Cove Golf Club 2200 W 9th St., Albert Lea, MN 56007
10	August 12, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Doubletree 1701 4th St. NW, Austin, MN 55912
11	August 13, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Zumbrota VFW 21 E 1st St., Zumbrota, MN 55992
12	August 13, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Dodge County Fairgrounds 100 11th St. NE, Kasson, MN 55944

Can't attend in person?
Check out our virtual open house. Visit PowerOnMidwest.com/events to learn more from August 3 through August 28.

Paid advertisements

20 local newspapers

Total circulation: 61,486

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PowerOn Midwest is a series of new electric transmission projects anchored by a 765 kV backbone transmission line being developed by Great River Energy, ITC Midwest and Xcel Energy. The projects will connect eastern South Dakota, southern Minnesota and the broader region, enhancing grid reliability in the Upper Midwest to meet growing and changing energy needs in the coming decades.

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Second round of in-person open houses

12 open houses at 12 venues in 12 counties across southern Minnesota in the Project Study Area between **August 4–13, 2026**.



Project displays



Detailed primary and
alternative route option
maps



Mapping stations for
attendees to print maps
and provide input



Approximately 1,946
people attended the
open houses

Week one in-person open houses

LINCOLN COUNTY

August 4, 2026
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Lake Benton, MN

Attendees: 60

PIPESTONE COUNTY

August 4, 2026
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Pipestone, MN

Attendees: 159

ROCK COUNTY

August 5, 2026
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Luverne, MN

Attendees: 113

MURRAY COUNTY

August 5, 2026
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Slayton, MN

Attendees: 245

NOBLES COUNTY

August 6, 2026
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Worthington, MN

Attendees: 252

MARTIN COUNTY

August 6, 2026
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Sherburn, MN

Attendees: 208

1,037
total attendees

Week two in-person open houses

JACKSON COUNTY

August 11, 2026
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Jackson, MN

Attendees: 217

FARIBAULT COUNTY

August 11, 2026
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wells, MN

Attendees: 203

FREEBORN COUNTY

August 12, 2026
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Albert Lea, MN

Attendees: 168

MOWER COUNTY

August 12, 2026
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Austin, MN

Attendees: 157

GOODHUE COUNTY

August 13, 2026
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Zumbrota, MN

Attendees: 57

DODGE COUNTY

August 13, 2026
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Kasson, MN

Attendees: 107

909
total attendees

1,946 total attendees

* Attendees were not required to sign in at the meetings. Attendee numbers are based on headcounts taken at each meeting.

Self-paced virtual open house



589

**views of the self-paced
virtual open house**

The virtual open house was open between August 3 and August 28, 2026. It included the same content presented during the in-person open houses in a website-type format. As of August 28, 2026, there were 589 views of the virtual open house.

Open house materials

Information banners and boards, preliminary route maps, handouts, comment forms, and project staff were available at the open houses.



Comments



1,638

**comments
were collected**



**Comment dates -
July 29 -
August 28, 2026**



1,048
**unique maps
printed at
open houses**



46
emails



63
**information
line calls**



114
**online
comment forms**



104
**in-person
comment forms**



929 map station
comments
382 online map
form comments

What we heard

MISO	1	Recreation	7	Stray Voltage	19	General	65
Power Outage	1	Hunting/Fishing	8	Mailing List Request	19	Wetlands and Water Resources	70
Renewable Energy	1	Property Access	8	Visual Impacts	26	Proximity to Homes	72
Right-of-Way	1	Cultural Resources	10	EMF	26	Utilities	111
Vegetation Management	1	Endangered Species	12	Project Need	28	Environmental Impacts (General)	131
Cost	2	Easement/Fee Lands	13	Safety	29	Agriculture: Crops	179
Open House Information	2	Property Damage	14	Wildlife	29	Routing	337
Project Benefits	2	Topography (Natural Landscape)	15	Agriculture: Animals	35		
Planned Development	3	Noise	15	Property Values	37		
Trails	3	Trees	15	Aviation	38		
Map Request	5	Easement Payment	18	Communication	40		
Project Overview	5	Construction	19	Land Use	60		
Transportation	6						

1,570
Spatial
comments

