

Appendix A
Route Permit Completeness Checklist

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**Big Stone South to Alexandria Transmission Project
Route Permit Application
Completeness Checklist**

Authority	Required Information	Location in this Application
Minnesota Statutes 216E.03	Project Notice	
Subd. 3a	At least 90 days before filing an application with the commission, the applicant shall provide notice to each local unit of government within which a route may be proposed. The notice must describe the proposed project and the opportunity for a preapplication consultation meeting with local units of government as provided in subdivision 3b.	Appendix B
Subd. 3b	Within 30 days of receiving a project notice, local units of government may request the applicant to hold a consultation meeting with local units of government. Upon receiving notice from a local unit of government requesting a preapplication consultation meeting, the applicant shall arrange the meeting at a location chosen by the local units of government. A single public meeting for which each local government unit requesting a meeting is given notice satisfies the meeting requirement of this subdivision.	Table 8.1-4 and Appendix F
Minn. R. 7850.1900, Subp. 2	Route Permit for High Voltage Transmission Line (HVTL)	
A.	A statement of proposed ownership of the facility at the time of filing the application and after commercial operation;	Section 1.1
B.	The precise name of any person or organization to be initially named as permittee or permittees and the name of any other person to whom the permit may be transferred if transfer of the permit is contemplated;	Section 1.2
C.	At least two proposed routes for the proposed high voltage transmission line and identification of the applicant's preferred route and the reasons for the preference;	Section 3.1 and Section 5.0
D.	A description of the proposed high voltage transmission line and all associated facilities including the size and type of the high voltage transmission line;	Section 3.0 and Appendix E
E.	The environmental information required under subpart 3;	Section 7.0
F.	Identification of land uses and environmental conditions along the proposed routes;	Section 7.2.1
G.	The names of each owner whose property is within any of the proposed routes for the high voltage transmission line;	Appendix N
H.	United States Geological Survey topographical maps or other maps acceptable to the commission showing the entire length of the high voltage transmission line on all proposed routes;	Appendix D
I.	Identification of existing utility and public rights-of-way along or parallel to the proposed routes that have the potential to share the right-of-way with the proposed line;	Section 7.7.3, Table 7.7-2, and Appendix D

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J.	The engineering and operational design concepts for the proposed high voltage transmission line, including information on the electric and magnetic fields of the transmission line;	Section 3.4 and Section 7.2.4
K.	Cost analysis of each route, including the costs of constructing, operating, and maintaining the high voltage transmission line that are dependent on design and route;	Section 3.6 and Appendix C
L.	A description of possible design options to accommodate expansion of the high voltage transmission line in the future;	Section 3.9
M.	The procedures and practices proposed for the acquisition and restoration of the right-of-way, construction, and maintenance of the high voltage transmission line;	Section 6.0
N.	A listing and brief description of federal, state, and local permits that may be required for the proposed high voltage transmission line; and	Section 2.4 and Table 2.4-1
O.	A copy of the Certificate of Need or the certified HVTL list containing the proposed high voltage transmission line or documentation that an application for a Certificate of Need has been submitted or is not required.	Section 2.1
Minn. R. 7850.1900 Subp. 3	Environmental Information	
A.	A description of the environmental setting for each site or route;	Section 7.1
B.	A description of the effects of construction and operation of the facility on human settlement, including, but not limited to, public health and safety, displacement, noise, aesthetics, socioeconomic impacts, cultural values, recreation, and public services;	Section 7.2
C.	A description of the effects of the facility on land-based economies, including, but not limited to, agriculture, forestry, tourism, and mining;	Section 7.3
D.	A description of the effects of the facility on archaeological and historic resources;	Section 7.5
E.	A description of the effects of the facility on the natural environment, including effects on air and water quality resources and flora and fauna;	Section 7.4
F.	A description of the effects of the facility on rare and unique natural resources;	Section 7.4.12
G.	Identification of human and natural environmental effects that cannot be avoided if the facility is approved at a specific site or route; and	Section 7.6
H.	A description of measures that might be implemented to mitigate the potential human and environmental impacts identified in items A to G and the estimated costs of such mitigative measures.	Section 6.0, 7.0, and 8.0