

Appendix B

90-Day Pre-application Letter to Local Units of Government and Affidavits of Mailing

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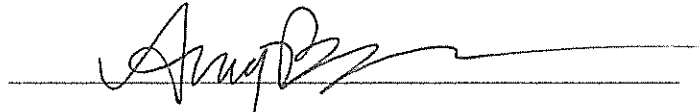
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
FOR A ROUTE PERMIT FOR THE BIG
STONE SOUTH TO ALEXANDRIA 345 KV
TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

DOCKET NO. E017, ET10/TL-23-160

I, [Amy B. Moen], certify that on June 21, 2024, I mailed a true and correct copy of the **90-Day Notice of Filing** by U.S. Mail, to all addressees shown on the attached list.

Dated June 24, 2024.



[Amy B. Moen]

June 21, 2024

Via U.S. Mail

RE: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR MEETING; MINN. STAT. § 216E.03, SUBD. 3

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR A ROUTE PERMIT FOR THE BIG STONE SOUTH TO ALEXANDRIA TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Dear Local Government Official,

Otter Tail Power Company and Missouri River Energy Services, on behalf of Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (collectively, the Applicants) plan to submit a Route Permit Application (RPA) to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for the Minnesota portion of the Big Stone South to Alexandria 345 kilovolt (kV) high voltage transmission line (HVTL) and associated facilities that are proposed to be located in parts of Big Stone, Swift, Stevens, Pope, and Douglas Counties, Minnesota (the Project). The Project components include:

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A map of the proposed Project is attached to this letter as Figure 1.

This Project is part of a regional portfolio of new electric transmission projects identified by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), the regional grid operator. This portfolio of new transmission projects will enhance reliability, reduce transmission congestion on the grid, increase resiliency during extreme weather events and increase access to low-cost energy.

This letter provides notice of the Project and the opportunity to arrange a preapplication consultation meeting with the Applicants in accordance with Minnesota Statutes § 216E.03, subds. 3a and 3b. Minnesota Statute § 216E.03, subd. 3b, provides local units of government the opportunity to request a consultation meeting regarding the proposed Project prior to the submission of the RPA to the Commission. If you are interested in meeting, please let us know by August 1, 2024.

As the Applicants have developed the Project, we held public open houses in April 2023, October 2023, February 2024, and June 2024 and attended numerous county and township meetings throughout the Project area to share information about the Project and gather input to assist us in developing the currently proposed routes for the Project. As such, the proposed route options shown in the attached Figure 1 are the result of considering extensive feedback and were developed based on: (1) comments received from landowners, community members, tribes, and other interested stakeholders; (2) information gathered from consultations with federal, state and local agencies; (3) applying required routing criteria from Minnesota laws; (4) analysis of publicly available data with a focus on minimizing impacts to landowners and the environment; (5) avoiding culturally significant sites and protected resources; and (6) maximizing co-location opportunities with other existing infrastructure. The Applicants are continuing to collect information to aid in refining the proposed routes that will be included in the upcoming RPA for the Project.

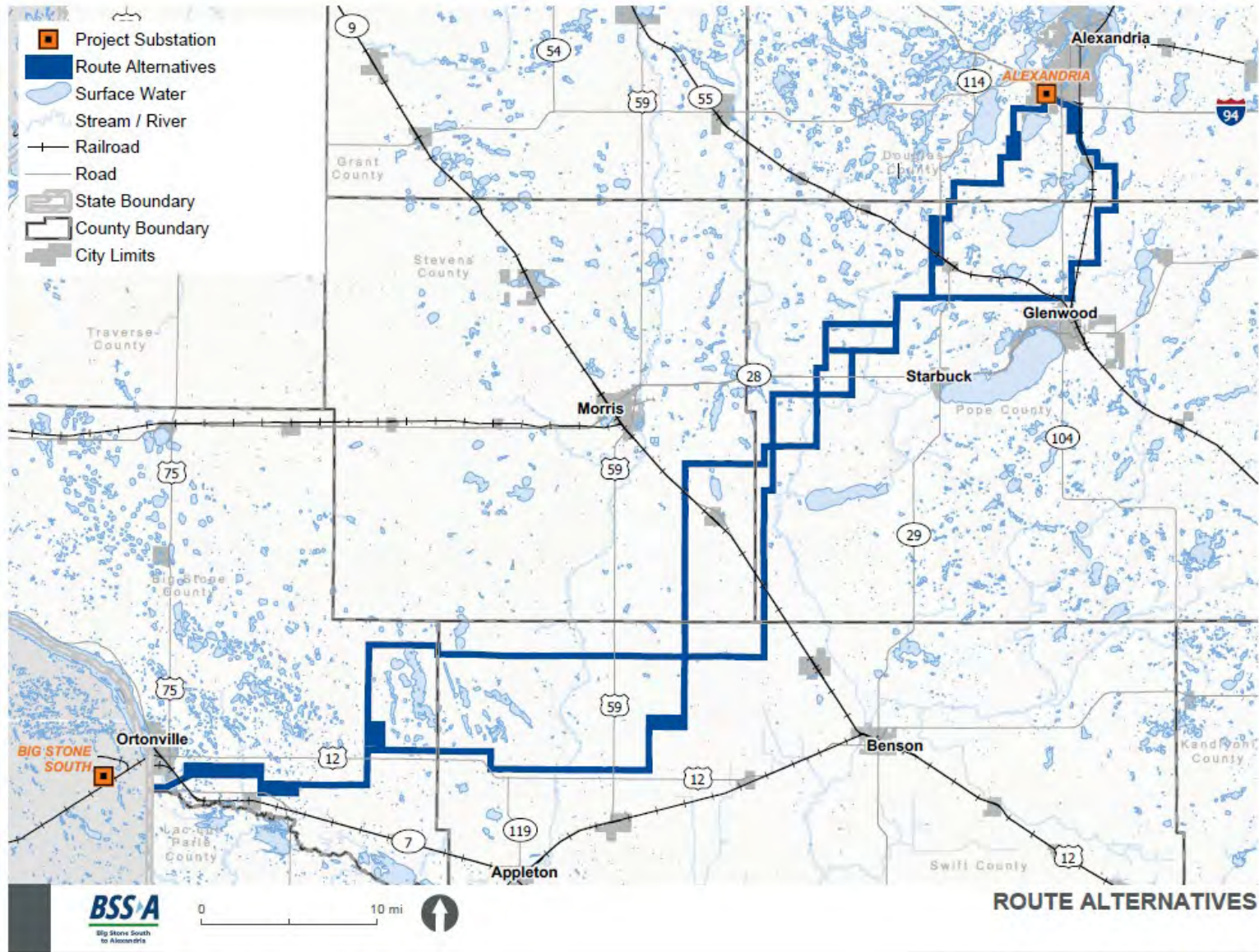
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Sincerely,

/s/

Jason Weiers
Manager, Transmission Project Development
Otter Tail Power Company

Figure 1



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BIG STONE SOUTH TO ALEXANDRIA 345KV

Organization	Name	Address	City	State	Zip
Akron Township	Warren Wiese	41602 640th Ave	Ortonville	MN	56278
City of Alexandria	Martin Schultz	705 Broadway	Alexandria	MN	56309
Ben Wade Township	Vernon Hedlin	33742 State Hwy 55	Farwell	MN	56327
Ben Wade Township	Paul Terhaar	11749 300th Ave	Lowry	MN	56349
Big Stone County	Wade Athey	20 SE 2nd St.	Ortonville	MN	56278
Big Stone County	Jeff Klages	20 SE 2nd St.	Ortonville	MN	56278
Big Stone County	Brent Olson	20 SE 2nd St.	Ortonville	MN	56278
Big Stone County	Pam Rud	20 Second St SE	Ortonville	MN	56278
Big Stone County	Roger Sandberg	20 SE 2nd St.	Ortonville	MN	56278
Big Stone County	Darren Wilke	20 SE 2nd St.	Ortonville	MN	56278
Big Stone County	Chad Zimmel	20 SE 2nd St.	Ortonville	MN	56278
Big Stone Soil and Water Conservation District	Tammy Neubauer	990 US Highway 12	Ortonville	MN	56278
City of Alexandria	Scott Allen	704 Broadway	Alexandria	MN	56311
City of Alexandria	Bill Franzen	704 Broadway	Alexandria	MN	56309
City of Alexandria	Nicole Mace	704 Broadway	Alexandria	MN	56312
City of Alexandria	Bobbie Osterberg	704 Broadway	Alexandria	MN	56308
City of Alexandria	Roger Thalman	704 Broadway	Alexandria	MN	56310
City of Alexandria	Andrew Wiener	704 Broadway	Alexandria	MN	56313
City of Glenwood	Brent Cochran	103 17th Avenue NW	Glenwood	MN	56337
City of Glenwood	Todd Gylsen	102 17th Avenue NW	Glenwood	MN	56336
City of Glenwood	Neil Haynes	105 17th Avenue NW	Glenwood	MN	56339
City of Glenwood	David Iverson	100 17th Ave NW	Glenwood	MN	56334
City of Glenwood	Sherri Kazda	100 17th Ave NW	Glenwood	MN	56334
City of Glenwood	Mavis Pattee	104 17th Avenue NW	Glenwood	MN	56338
City of Lowry	DJ Ashler	210 Maple St , PO Box 60	Lowry	MN	56353
City of Lowry	Virgil Coziahr	208 Maple St , PO Box 58	Lowry	MN	56351
City of Lowry	Kristi Kramber	PO Box 56	Lowry	MN	56349
City of Lowry	Patricia McCrory	209 Maple St , PO Box 59	Lowry	MN	56352
City of Lowry	Dan Sutton	PO Box 56	Lowry	MN	56349
City of Odessa	Catherine Teske	PO Box 67	Odessa	MN	56276
City of Ortonville	Ashley Berger	728 Grace St W	Ortonville	MN	56280
City of Ortonville	Jake Dorry	13 5th St. NW	Ortonville	MN	56281
City of Ortonville	Tom Dorry	98 McCloud Street	Ortonville	MN	56282
City of Ortonville	Gene Hausauser	751 Highland Hwy	Ortonville	MN	56278
City of Ortonville	Matthew Karels	645 Stephens Ave	Ortonville	MN	56284

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City of Ortonville	Bill Powell	712 Grace Street No	Ortonville	MN	56283
City of Ortonville	Kim Sykora	1077 Lakeshore Drive	Ortonville	MN	56285
Clontarf Township	Johnathan Klucas	PO Box 205	Clontarf	MN	56226
Clontarf Township	Anne Schirmer	P.O. Box 347	Clontarf	MN	56226
Douglas County	Keith Englund	16357 County Road 19 NW	Ashby	MN	56309
Douglas County	Tim Kalina	14098 County Road 21 SW	Alexandria	MN	56308
Douglas County	Charlie Meyer	206 Rodeo Rd – PO Box 114	Alexandria	MN	56308
Douglas County	Jerry Rapp	11418 Minnesota Road NW	Alexandria	MN	56308
Douglas County	Heather Schlangen	821 Cedar St	Alexandria	MN	56308
Douglas County	Shane Schmidt	4014 Rosewood Ln SE, PO Box 876	Alexandria	MN	56308
Douglas County Soil & Water Conservation District	Jerry Haggenmiller	900 Robert Street, Suite 102	Alexandria	MN	56308
Fairfield Township	Denise Mahoney	1910 50th St. NW	Appleton	MN	56208
Fairfield Township	Lawrence Mahoney	1910 50th St. NW	Appleton	MN	56208
Fairfield Township	Doug Schliep	1910 50th St. NW	Appleton	MN	56208
Hodges Township	Royce Anderson	43646 250th St	Hancock	MN	56244
Hodges Township	Michele Greiner	40878 280th St	Hancock	MN	56244
Hoff Township	Ted Kannegiesser	36752 320th St	Clontarf	MN	56226
Hoff Township	Joanna Rustad	39956 Co Rd 2	Hancock	MN	56244
Holmes City Township	Gary Schuneman	11180 Tewes Trail SW	Farwell	MN	56327
Holmes City Township	Christopher Wanner	10983 Easy St SW	Lowry	MN	56349
Hudson Township	Carol Hedlund	3499 Caribou Lane SE	Alexandria	MN	56308
Hudson Township	Cindy VanLuik	11393 State Hwy 29 S	Alexandria	MN	56308
La Grand Township	Kelly Beilke	3999 County Road 82 NW	Alexandria	MN	56308
La Grand Township	Ben Johnson	501 TownHall Road	Alexandria	MN	56308
Lake Mary Township	Susan Hanson	2640 Lodge Hall Road SW	Alexandria	MN	56308
Lake Mary Township	James Schmidt	4791 County Road 4 SW	Alexandria	MN	56308
Leven Township	Patrick Gaffaney	20187 Co Rd 30	Glenwood	MN	56334
Leven Township	Kathy Tauber	11775 176th Ave	Villard	MN	56385
Marysland Township	Cheryl Beyer	275 130th Ave. SW	Danvers	MN	56231
Marysland Township	Jerome McGeary	150 110th Ave SW	Danvers	MN	56231
Moore Township	Brett Duncan	43752 290th St	Hancock	MN	56244
Moore Township	Robert Nohl	29121 County Rd 1	Hancock	MN	56244
Moyer Township	James Dehne	217 Victoria Drive	Alexandria	MN	56308
Moyer Township	Warren Holzheimer	185 150th Ave SW	Holloway	MN	56249
New Prairie Township	Karla Larson	40612 State Hwy 28	Cyrus	MN	56323

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New Prairie Township	DeWayne Larson	21564 Co Rd 3	Cyrus	MN	56323
New Prairie Township	Paul Leonard	36492 State Hwy 28	Cyrus	MN	56323
City of Odessa	Ginger Drobny	PO Box 67	Odessa	MN	56276
Odessa Township	Tammy Neubauer	66301 440th St	Odessa	MN	56276
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City of Ortonville	Char Grossman	315 Madison Ave	Ortonville	MN	56278
Ortonville Township	Harold Dimberg III.	41247 US Hwy 75	Ortonville	MN	56278
Ortonville Township	Debbie Ellingson	315 Madison Ave	Ortonville	MN	56278
Pope County	Paul Gerde	130 E. Minnesota Ave.	Glenwood	MN	56334
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Pope County	Kersten Kappmeyer	130 East Minnesota Ave	Glenwood	MN	56334
Pope County	Larry Lindor	130 E. Minnesota Ave.	Glenwood	MN	56334
Pope County	Gordy Wagner	130 E. Minnesota Ave.	Glenwood	MN	56334
Pope County	Paul Wildman	130 E. Minnesota Ave.	Glenwood	MN	56334
Pope County Soil & Water Conservation District	Holly Kovarik	1680 Franklin Street North	Glenwood	MN	56334
Reno Township	Keith Hvezda	11123 Co Rd 15	Lowry	MN	56349
Reno Township	Richard Moen	P.O. Box 7	Glenwood	MN	56337
Reno Township	Tony Tauber	22430 150th St	Lowry	MN	56349
Shible Township	Bonnie Franklin	340 190th Ave. SW	Appleton	MN	56208
Shible Township	Ronald Trager	170 200th Ave NW	Appleton	MN	56208
Stevens County	Jeanne Ennen	401 Colorado Ave., Suite 302	Morris	MN	56268
Stevens County	Bob Kopitzke	402 Colorado Ave., Suite 302	Morris	MN	56269
Stevens County	Patricia Lesmeister-Nels	405 Colorado Ave., Suite 302	Morris	MN	56272
Stevens County	Ron Staples	403 Colorado Ave., Suite 302	Morris	MN	56270
Stevens County	Donny Wohlers	404 Colorado Ave., Suite 302	Morris	MN	56271
Stevens County	Rebecca Young	400 Colorado Ave, Suite 302	Morris	MN	56267
Stevens County Economic Improvement Commission	Cheryl Kuhn	PO Box 45, Atlantic Avenue	Morris	MN	56267
Stevens County Soil & Water Conservation District	Matt Solemsaas	12 Hwy. 28 E, Suite 2	Morris	MN	56267
Swift County	Gary Hendrickx	301 14th St N	Benson	MN	56202
Swift County	Larry Mahoney	304 14th St N	Benson	MN	56205
Swift County	Edward Pederson	302 14th St N	Benson	MN	56203
Swift County	Pete Peterson	303 14th St N	Benson	MN	56204
Swift County	Eric Rudningen	305 14th St N	Benson	MN	56206
Swift County	Tesa Tomaschett	301 14th Street North	Benson	MN	56125
Swift County Rural Development Authority (RDA)	Leanna Larson	PO Box 207	Benson	MN	56215

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Swift County Soil & Water Conservation District	Andy Albertsen	1430 Utah Ave	Benson	MN	56215
Tara Township	Patti Buyck	520 110th Ave. NW	Danvers	MN	56231
Tara Township	Martin Thielke	1280 50th St NW	Halloway	MN	56249
Walden Township	Theresa Fisher	518 1st St.	Hancock	MN	56244
Walden Township	Norman Nissen	24149 380th Ave SW	Hancock	MN	56244
White Bear Lake Township	Andy Aslagson	PO Box 215	Starbuck	MN	56381
White Bear Lake Township	Mike Hoffmann	32745 180th St	Starbuck	MN	56381
Alexandria Area Economic Development Commission (AAEDC)	Nicole Fernholz	324 Broadway Street, Suite 101	Alexandria	MN	56308
Ortonville EDA	Vicki Oakes	987 US Highway 12	Ortonville	MN	56278
Big Stone Area Growth (BSAG)	Vince Robinson	987 US Highway 12	Ortonville	MN	56278
	SOO LINE RAILROAD CO	PO BOX 961089	FORT WORTH	TX	76161

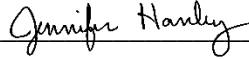
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I, [JENNIFER A. HANLEY], certify that on [AUGUST 29], 2024, I mailed a true and correct copy of the **90-Day Notice of Filing** by U.S. Mail, to all addressees shown on the attached list.

Dated August 29, 2024.



[JENNIFER A. HANLEY]

August 28, 2024

Via U.S. Mail

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Manager, Transmission Project Development
Otter Tail Power Company

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Hegbert Township	Cherri	Banken	2170 50th St. NW	Appleton	MN	56208
Hegbert Township	Wayne	Lehne	315 220 Ave NW	Appleton	MN	56208
City of Hancock	Jodi	Bedel	PO Box 68 662 6th ST	Hancock	MN	56244
City of Hancock	Jeff	Flaten	PO BOX 68, 662 6th ST	Hancock	MN	56246
City of Hancock	Jeff	Kisgen	PO BOX 68, 662 6th ST	Hancock	MN	56247
City of Hancock	Annette	Kratz	PO BOX 68, 662 6th ST	Hancock	MN	56248
City of Hancock	Bruce	Malo	PO Box 68 662 6th ST	Hancock	MN	56244
City of Hancock	Bob	Staples	PO BOX 68, 662 6th ST	Hancock	MN	56249

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