



ENERGY FACT SHEET:

MINNESOTA-IOWA TRANSMISSION PROJECT



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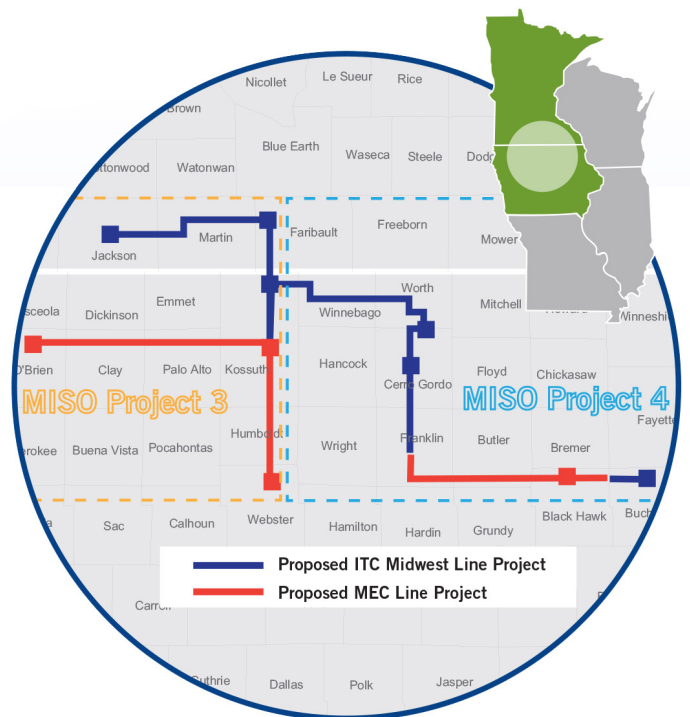
DEVELOPERS	ITC Midwest and MidAmerican Energy
LINE CAPACITY	345 kV
ROUTE	Approximately 300 miles, one section from Lakefield Junction, MN to Webster, IA, another section from Lime Creek, IA to Hazelton, IA

STATED PURPOSE

- Improve electrical reliability in the region.
- Provide a better connection to allow wind energy from Iowa and Minnesota to be transported more effectively to Illinois and Wisconsin.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION AND DETAILS

- This first portion of the project –known as MVP 3– will run from Lakefield Junction in Minnesota to Webster in Iowa.
- The second portion –called MVP 4– will run from Lime Creek, IA to Hazelton, IA.
- The line will be just over 300 miles long when completed.
- Targeted in-service date of 2016.



*Map source: ITC Midwest

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—The project runs near to several MISO renewable energy zones, offering a connectivity source for renewable energy projects in Minnesota and Iowa.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

—Many have expressed concerns over the environmental impact of the project, as well as the effect the line would have on conservation efforts.

—ITC Midwest has held several meetings with stakeholders to discuss conservation and environmental issues to develop methods to mitigate the impact of the project.

—Community members were supportive of the project's preferred route during informational hearings, but still note some concerns related to siting. These included proximity to residential and commercial buildings.

—ITC Midwest donated \$10,000 to Ducks Unlimited for waterfowl habitat protection and restoration.

REGULATORY PROCESS

—The developers must obtain a franchise permit from the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB), and a certificate of need from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

—Must determine a study area, then identify study corridors, before providing a preferred and alternate route to state regulators.

—During each step in the process, the developers and state regulators hold public hearings to include public feedback into the process.

—The IUB or PUC hold public hearings to provide information to the public about the route, and comments may be submitted to state regulators concerning the line.

—Current estimates have construction beginning some time in 2014.

DOCKET FILING

—Filings for the project in Minnesota can be viewed here: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=33080>

—Iowa filings can be found by searching for ITC Midwest here: <https://efs.iowa.gov/efs/ShowDocketSearch.do>



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