

Cardinal-Hickory Creek Transmission Line Proposal Timeline & Opportunities for Public Input

Wisconsin Approval Process

- Public Service Commission (PSC) proceeding is to determine whether the PSC will approve the line and select a route
- Commission is also writing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) along with Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- The *state* EIS informs *state* decisions, including whether the PSC will grant approval and the DNR will issue permits

April 14, 2019: Public Comments on Draft State EIS Due

Additional dates:

Early May, 2019: Target date for issuance of the state Final EIS

June 24-28, 2019: PSC/DNR public hearings on the project and Final EIS

August 2019: PSC Open Meeting in which Commissioners will vote on whether to approve the transmission line

Federal EIS Process

- The federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) lays out the environmental impacts of a proposed action for the benefit of decision-makers and the public
- The *federal* EIS informs *federal* decisions on approvals/permitting (e.g. for crossing the Mississippi River) and financing (e.g., One CHC developer is seeking a low-cost federal loan).
- Public input is very important for raising issues that might otherwise get overlooked.

March 11-20: Public Meetings on Draft Federal EIS

April 1, 2019: Public Comments on Draft Federal EIS Due

Additional dates:

October 22, 2019: Target date for issuance of the federal Final EIS. Once issued, there will be a 30 day public comment period.

Late May 2020: Target date for issuance of federal permits