

18.0 Time Schedule (ARSD 20:10:22:22)

The Applicants propose an in-service date of August 2010 for the 345 kV and November 2011 for the 230 kV transmission line to Morris, Minnesota. A permitting and construction schedule for the project is provided below:

File PUC Route Permit Application dated January 12, 2006	January 17, 2006
Survey Permission and Survey	Feb 2006 – Aug 2006
Transmission Line and Substation Design	Feb 2006 – Mar 2011
ROW Acquisition	Nov 2006 – Mar 2008
Transmission Line Construction	Sept 2008 – Nov 2011
Substation Construction	Sept 2008 – Nov 2011*
Final ROW Contacts, Settlements and Cleanup	Mar 2009 – July 2012

* The Big Stone 345 kV substation will be constructed prior to the Big Stone to Granite Falls line operating at 345 kV, which is dependent on other regional facilities, which are in the process of being permitted in Minnesota.

