County regulatory process

PowerOn Midwest - South Dakota is a transmission project from the Big Stone South substation near Big Stone City, SD to the Brookings Substation near the South Dakota border — a segment of the PowerOn Midwest project.

All high-voltage transmission proposals like PowerOn Midwest - South Dakota must undergo a comprehensive state regulatory review overseen by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SD PUC), in addition to county level approvals.

The project will apply for a **Conditional Use Permit (CUP)** in each county where the transmission line may be located. A CUP from each county must be obtained before the transmission project can be constructed.

Some additional permits and approvals may include:

- **ROAD USE AGREEMENTS FROM THE COUNTY AND AFFECTED TOWNSHIPS**
- **RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) OCCUPANCY APPROVALS**
- **HAUL ROAD/OVERSIZED LOAD PERMITS**
- **BUILDING PERMITS**
- **FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT**

The process to obtain a CUP generally takes approximately three months. Depending on the county, the Board of Adjustment, Board of County Commissioners (Board), or Planning Commission will receive the application, and then within 30 days host a public hearing to present findings on the matter. The Planning and Zoning offices will assist with the decision.

A CUP expires after one year, though extensions can be requested.

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