Siting and Routing of Energy Facilities

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is responsible for the siting and routing of certain energy facilities, including power plants, transmission lines, wind farms, and pipelines. The Minnesota Legislature has established state policy to locate energy facilities in an orderly manner compatible with environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources.

Public Participation

The Commission encourages and relies upon public participation in making siting and routing decisions. A number of tools are offered here to assist citizens in discovering, tracking, and commenting on energy facility projects proposed for their communities.

You can search for projects by type (e.g., transmission line) and location (e.g., Brown County) in the project database. You can find an overview of how to participate in the Commission’s permitting processes and what to expect in the processes by clicking the “How to Participate” tab above | Cómo participar.