



BSSA CURRENT

SUMMER 2026



► GREETINGS FROM THE BSSA TEAM

Thank you for your continued participation in the Big Stone South to Alexandria (BSSA) transmission line. Over the past several years, many of you have stayed engaged as BSSA moved through the South Dakota and Minnesota state regulatory processes.

On April 30, 2026, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MN PUC) gave verbal approval of the Route Permit and we received the written approval on June 25, 2026. Read more about the MN PUC approval and what comes next in this edition.

We're committed to keeping landowners, members of the public, and stakeholders updated throughout the duration of the project. You're receiving this newsletter because you've been involved in or shown interest in BSSA. *If you would like to be removed from the mailing list, please contact our project team.*

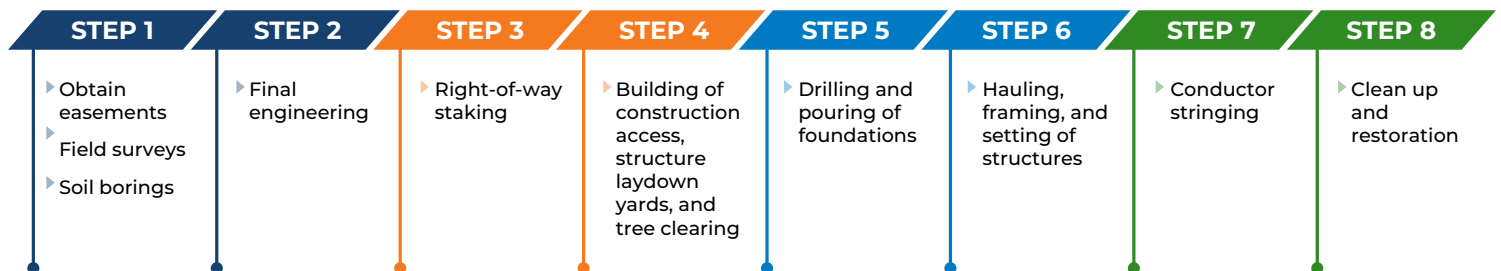


SAFETY SPOTLIGHT



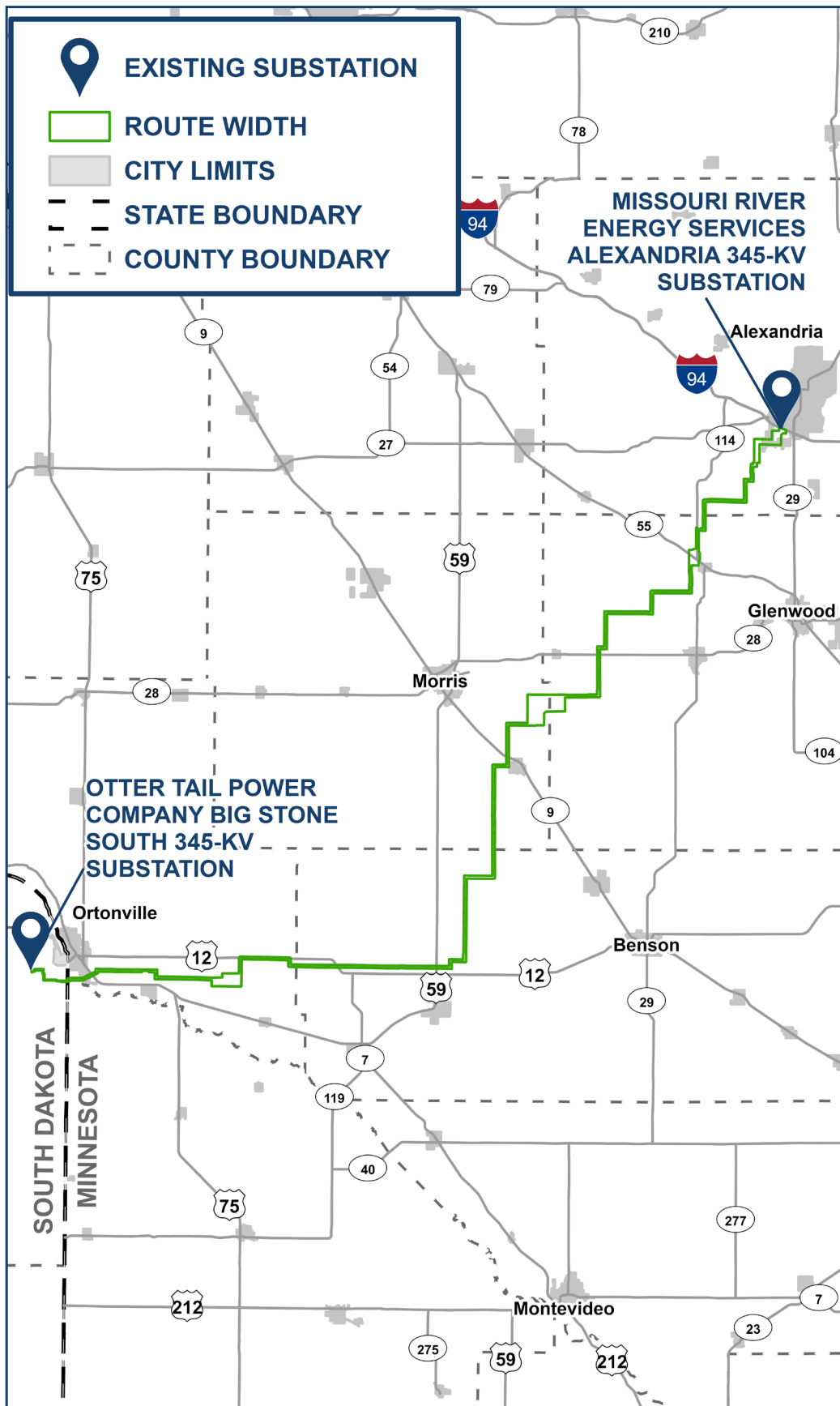
Summer time means spending more time outside so it's important to remember that warmer weather can also bring along unwanted pests – ticks. Protect yourself by avoiding underbrush and tall grass and remember to check yourself carefully when coming back indoors. If you do find a tick, be sure to remove it as soon as possible. For more summer safety tips visit **Summer Safety Tips | American Red Cross**.

► ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE



Time frames are approximate and subject to change.

► MN PUC FINAL APPROVED ROUTE



For the final route map, permit documents, and next steps determined by the MN PUC, please visit mn.gov/puc and search Docket [23-160] or scan the QR code.

This mailer is informational and does not indicate whether your property is included on the final route. Please visit the MN PUC's website to review the approved route and contact your right-of-way (ROW) agent if you have questions.



Minnesota Updates

Coordinating with landowners

Those who own property along the MN PUC-approved final route should have received additional communications from the BSSA team, including a landowner information booklet highlighting next steps, and other project specific information. Our right-of-way (ROW) agents are also in the process of reaching out to landowners, so if you haven't been contacted yet, you'll receive a phone call shortly from your ROW agent.

What's next

We anticipate field surveys to ramp up later this year. During this time, people in the area may notice increased activity associated with these surveys. This could include survey crews accessing properties, vehicles and equipment along the side of the road, and team members marking environmental or cultural features in the field. These surveys allow the project team to verify or collect new information about the approved route to refine final design components to minimize impacts from structure locations and construction of the transmission line.

Right-of-way agents will continue to coordinate with landowners and, upon request, their respective tenants, prior to and during field surveys, to make sure everyone is informed.

We expect construction to begin in Spring 2028, with the new transmission line tentatively planned for energization by the end of 2030. Our team will continue to work closely with landowners, local government officials, and other stakeholders as we prepare for construction.



South Dakota Updates

On January 30, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SD PUC) approved the Facility Permit Application for the approximate 3-mile South Dakota portion of the project. We are continuing to work with landowners in preparation for construction, which we anticipate to start in 2028.



Scan me to visit the Landowner Resources Page to learn more about what's next for impacted landowners.



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▶ WELCOME TO THE FOURTH ISSUE OF BSSA CURRENT!

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- Latest project schedule
- MN PUC final route decision
- Coordinating with landowners
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