

October 15, 2026

RE: WISE 345 kV Transmission Line Project – Notice of in-person public open houses

Dear Sir or Madam,

The regional electric grid planner, Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), has identified the need for a new 345 kV electric transmission line to improve energy reliability and resiliency for Wisconsin customers and to close gaps in the 345 kV network between southeastern and north central Wisconsin. MISO named the project the Wisconsin Southeast or “WISE Project.”

Viridon Wisconsin LLC, a partnership between Viridon Midcontinent LLC and National Grid Ventures, is working on the design to construct the WISE Project. The project includes a new substation in Big Bend, and a ~106-mile 345 kV transmission line consisting of four separate line segments, that will cross portions of the following counties:

- Dodge
- Fond du Lac
- Jefferson
- Racine
- Rock
- Walworth
- Waukesha

Your property is within an area being evaluated for routing and siting the WISE Project, and we want to begin discussions so that your input can be considered in the process.

Why is the WISE 345 kV Transmission Line Project needed?

Southeastern Wisconsin's transmission grid is stretched. MISO, the independent non-profit that plans the regional transmission grid, identified the need for WISE in 2023 after studying where the existing system falls short.



- **MISO's assessment:** A multi-year MISO study found southeastern Wisconsin needs new 345 kV transmission to keep the existing electricity system reliable.
- **Relieving strain:** MISO found that without new transmission, 10 of the existing 345 kV lines serving southeastern Wisconsin would exceed their recommended operating limits, some to as much as double their capacity.
- **Connecting the grid:** WISE will connect the 345 kV network between the Fond du Lac area and southern Wisconsin, strengthening connections across the state.
- **Changing generation mix:** Older power plants are retiring, and new generation is being built to replace it, often in new locations not previously connected to the electric system.

WISE will strengthen the electric system Wisconsin already depends on. It will add the capacity needed to keep power reliable for the homes, farms, and businesses served today, and in the future.

WISE 345 kV Supports Wisconsin's Broader Energy Needs

WISE is not being developed for any particular customer or industry. MISO identified the need for WISE nearly three years ago, in December 2023, as part of their Long-Range Transmission Planning processes.

Project Approval Process

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) is the state agency responsible for authorizing construction of the WISE Project through the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) application process. The CPCN process includes public comment and public hearing opportunities to come.

More details are available online: <https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/CommissionActions/PublicParticipation.aspx>

Upcoming Public Open Houses

We invite you to attend an in-person open house to learn more about the WISE Project and provide input. The open houses will provide the same information during each of the two sessions, including a Project overview and detailed maps available for review.

There will be no formal presentation, so please feel free to visit us at any time during the open house hours. Project representatives will be available to answer questions, discuss the Project, and receive your input.

Open House Dates	Open House Locations	Open House Hours
Dodge County Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026	City of Juneau Community Center 500 Lincoln Dr. Juneau, WI 53039	11 AM – 1 PM 4 PM – 6 PM
Fond du Lac County Monday, Nov. 16, 2026	Radisson Hotel and Conference Center Fond Du Lac 625 W Rolling Meadows Dr. Fond du Lac, WI 54937	11 AM – 1 PM 4 PM – 6 PM
Jefferson County Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2026	Comfort Suites Johnson Creek Conference Center 725 Paradise Ln. Johnson Creek, WI, 53038	11 AM – 1 PM 4 PM – 6 PM
Racine County Thursday, Dec. 3, 2026	Roma Lodge 7130 Spring St. Mt Pleasant, WI 53406	11 AM – 1 PM 4 PM – 6 PM
Rock County Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2026	The Loft at Gray Goose 207 N Academy St. Janesville, WI 53548	11 AM – 1 PM 4 PM – 6 PM
Walworth County Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2026	The Todd Venue N4403 County Road H Elkhorn, WI 53121	11 AM – 1 PM 4 PM – 6 PM
Waukesha County Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026	Brookfield Conference Center 325 South Moorland Rd. Brookfield, WI 53005	11 AM – 1 PM 4 PM – 6 PM

If you have questions, please contact us through the form on our website at www.WISEtransmission.com or call to leave a message at (262) 316-4292.

Thank you for your time and feedback as we work to improve energy reliability for your community.

Sincerely,



Chris Geitner

Director of Development

Wisconsin Southeast 345 kV Transmission Project (WISE)

Addressing Transmission Needs in Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Southeast Transmission Project (WISE) is a new 345 kV transmission project selected through the Midcontinent Independent System Operator's (MISO) long-range transmission planning process in 2023. Spanning approximately 106 miles across seven counties in southeast Wisconsin, WISE will add capacity to strengthen the electric system Wisconsin already depends on.

WISE will help ensure Wisconsin communities continue to have access to safe, reliable electricity that powers homes, businesses, schools, farms, and everyday life – now and in the future.

Project at a Glance:

345 kV high-voltage transmission system

4 transmission line segments **106** miles **1** substation

Target Operation Date: **2033**

Project Location:

WISE includes one substation and four transmission line segments in southeast Wisconsin, connecting infrastructure in the following counties:

- Dodge
- Fond du Lac
- Jefferson
- Racine
- Rock
- Walworth
- Waukesha

Why is WISE Needed?

- **WISE will relieve strain on the existing grid.** In 2023, MISO, the independent regional grid planner, found that without new transmission, 10 of the 345 kV lines serving southeastern Wisconsin would exceed their recommended operating limits.
- **To connect the grid:** WISE will connect the 345 kV network between the Fond du Lac area and southern Wisconsin, strengthening connections across the state.
- **Wisconsin's generation mix is changing.** Older power plants are retiring, and new generation is being built in new locations that need transmission to reach homes, farms, and businesses.



Project Benefits:

- **Support communities:** Creates jobs and generates new local tax revenue.
- **Strengthen electric grid reliability:** Adds capacity and strengthens the existing transmission system, helping reduce the risk of outages and blackouts.
- **Close a transmission gap:** Connects the 345 kV network between Fond du Lac and southern Wisconsin.
- **Support a changing energy mix:** Connects new generation as older power plants retire.
- **Deliver customer value:** Selected through a competitive process as the lowest-cost option, delivering long-term value for customers.

197*

jobs created

\$291 million*

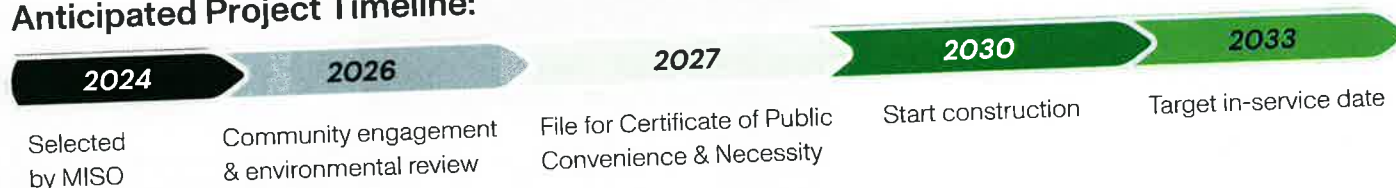
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*Project Estimates

What to expect:

- Public engagement
- Landowner outreach
- Environmental review

Anticipated Project Timeline:



About Viridon Wisconsin:

Viridon Wisconsin will build, own, and operate the WISE Project. Viridon Wisconsin is a partnership between Viridon Midcontinent LLC and National Grid Ventures. Viridon Midcontinent develops transmission projects that strengthen the electric grid across the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) region, and MISO selected it through a competitive process to develop WISE. Built on strong utility foundation of both partners, Viridon Wisconsin combines customer focus, innovation, cost discipline, and speed to deliver critical infrastructure projects.

About National Grid Ventures:

National Grid Ventures (NGV), the commercial arm of National Grid plc, develops, builds, and operates energy infrastructure that strengthens power systems and delivers reliable, affordable energy. Its portfolio includes competitive transmission, battery storage, solar, LNG storage, conventional generation, and one of the world's largest portfolios of high-voltage subsea interconnectors. NGV brings decades of experience building energy infrastructure that supports economic growth, improves reliability, and helps deliver lower-cost energy to customers.

If you have questions or comments about the WISE Project, please visit www.WISEtransmission.com, email info@wisetransmission.com, or call **(262) 316-4292**.

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