

**South Dakota PUC Application:**  
**Updated Summary of Public, Agency, and Tribal Involvement Activities**  
**Updated Table 5**

Year	Month	Action
2012	July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project notification letter mailed to North Dakota and South Dakota state and federal agencies</li> </ul>
	August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project notification letter mailed to county, state, and local representatives, and non-government organizations in North Dakota and South Dakota</li> <li>Held meetings with North Dakota and South Dakota county zoning and planning representatives (Spink, Clark, Grant, Day, Hamlin, Codington, Brown, Deuel, Marshall, Roberts, Richland, Dickey, and Sargent counties)</li> <li>Held two interagency meetings with state and federal agencies for North Dakota and South Dakota</li> </ul>
	September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project website and toll-free Project information line made available to the public (<a href="http://www.bssetransmissionline.com">www.bssetransmissionline.com</a> and 888-283-4678)</li> <li>Corridor notification letter for open house meetings mailed to the public, county, state, and city representatives, and non-government organizations in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota</li> <li>Corridor notification letter for open house meetings mailed to township representatives in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota</li> </ul>
	October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting with Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate and Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs) for Project introduction and study area discussion</li> <li>Corridor notification postcard for open house meetings mailed to landowners within the study corridors</li> <li>Paid advertisements and press releases sent to North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota publications to notify the communities of the study corridor open house meetings</li> <li>Corridor public open house meetings (October 15-18, 2012): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wheaton, Minnesota</li> <li>Milbank, South Dakota</li> <li>Webster, South Dakota</li> <li>Aberdeen, South Dakota</li> <li>Ellendale, North Dakota</li> <li>Britton, South Dakota</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Power Delivered</i> Project Newsletter (Issue 1) was posted to the website and hard copies were mailed to stakeholders in the Project open house meeting attendees and those who had commented or signed up for the mailing list</li> </ul>
	December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Power Delivered</i> Project Newsletter from November sent electronically to contact persons above who provided email addresses</li> </ul>
2013	January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted interagency meetings for North Dakota and South Dakota state and federal agencies. Follow-up letter sent to agencies which included the meeting minutes and letter from the Applicants</li> <li>Hosted an online webinar and conference call with county representatives in North Dakota and South Dakota including Day, Brown, Grant, Dickey, and Marshall counties to describe the routing process and gather input on preliminary routes followed up with meeting minutes and a message from the Applicants</li> </ul>



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2013	February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (SDSHPO) to discuss expected cultural resource identification efforts and tribal involvement</li> <li>• Paid advertisements and press releases sent to North Dakota and South Dakota publications to notify the communities of the routing open house meetings</li> <li>• Notification letter for routing open house meetings sent to stakeholders including state, federal, and local agencies, elected officials, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs)</li> <li>• Notification postcards for routing open house meetings sent to landowners within the preliminary corridors of the Project and active participants who attended a meeting or submitted a comment</li> <li>• Routing public open house meetings (February 25-27, 2013): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Groton, South Dakota</li> <li>○ Ellendale, North Dakota</li> <li>○ Britton, South Dakota</li> <li>○ Webster, South Dakota</li> <li>○ Milbank, South Dakota</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A thank you postcard was sent to routing open house meeting attendees</li> <li>• Meeting with Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate and Standing Rock Sioux THPOs to discuss preliminary routes</li> </ul>
	April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Route Segment notification letters were mailed to landowners within the 150-foot-wide right-of-way (ROW) of a new route segment added to the preliminary routes for review</li> </ul>
	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preferred route notification mailed to federal and state agencies including a map of the preferred route</li> <li>• Preferred route notification mailed to county officials and staff</li> <li>• Preferred route notification mailed to township chairs</li> <li>• Preferred route notification mailed to tribal representatives</li> <li>• Meeting held with Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate and Standing Rock Sioux THPOs to discuss general cultural resource identification and survey approach</li> <li>• Conference call with SDSHPO held to discuss cultural survey approach and schedule</li> </ul>
	June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preferred route notification mailed to landowners within 500 feet of the South Dakota Facility centerline, landowners within the original corridors, and to people on the mailing list at the time of the mailing</li> <li>• Preferred route maps available on Project website</li> <li>• Paper and electronic copies of the Second Issue of <i>Power Delivered</i> Project Newsletter sent out to stakeholders and landowners within a half-mile of the preliminary routes, and to active participants in the Project</li> </ul>
	July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email including a map was sent to agencies who had not provided a response to date regarding the preferred route letter</li> <li>• Meeting held with Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate and Standing Rock Sioux THPOs to finalize discussions on the South Dakota Facility and the cultural resources survey approach</li> <li>• Submitted Class I Literature Review report to SDSHPO</li> </ul>

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2014	August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-application letter mailed to agencies prior to the submittal of the Facility Permit Application to the Public Utilities Commission of South Dakota and notification for upcoming North Dakota filing timeframe</li> <li>• Phone calls made to elected officials and affected counties regarding the submittal of the Facility Permit Application to the Public Utilities Commission of South Dakota</li> <li>• Project land agents attended a requested landowner meeting with 25-30 persons present to discuss the project</li> <li>• Started contacting landowners for easement options</li> <li>• Received response regarding preferred route from the following agencies: SD DOA, NPS, SD USFWS, and SD SHPO</li> <li>• Meeting with USFWS Wetland Management Districts (WMD) and Ecological Services</li> <li>• Received a response letter from the SD SHPO regarding Level I record search</li> </ul>
	September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified landowner notification letters were mailed regarding the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission hearings</li> <li>• Meeting held with the Dakota Resource Council</li> <li>• Continue contacting landowners for easement options</li> </ul>
	October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper and electronic copies of the Third Issue of <i>Power Delivered</i> Project Newsletter sent out to stakeholders and landowners within a half-mile of the preliminary routes, and to active participants in the Project</li> <li>• Second attempt of certified landowner notification letters for returned letters</li> <li>• South Dakota Public Utilities Commission public hearings (Milbank and Aberdeen)</li> <li>• Project presentation to the Aberdeen Rotary Club</li> <li>• Continue contacting landowners for easement options</li> </ul>
	November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination with USFWS regarding potential route shifts</li> <li>• Continue contacting landowners for easement options</li> </ul>
	January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper and electronic copies of the Fourth Issue of <i>Power Delivered</i> Project Newsletter sent out to stakeholders and landowners within a half-mile of the preliminary routes, and to active participants in the Project</li> <li>• United States Department of Defense response letter received on Siting Clearinghouse coordinated review of the preferred route. Review concluded minimal impacts are expected</li> <li>• Email received from the Federal Aviation Administration and a response email provided by the Project team</li> <li>• Continue contacting landowners for easement options</li> </ul>
	February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conference call with NRCS SD office</li> <li>• Meeting with USFWS Wetland Management Districts (WMD) and Ecological Services to discuss the Project and the Letter of Non-Objection process</li> <li>• Continue contacting landowners for easement options</li> </ul>
	March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agency meeting with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to discuss water crossing options and the Section 10 and Section 404 permitting process</li> </ul>